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Ultra-Orthodox Jew is on his way to court for allegedly vandalizing bus shelters that display women wearing swimsuits. [IPPA photo]

Revulsion in Austrian Jewry

Waldheim win spurs fears

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

VIENNA —

Kurt Waldheim's resounding victory in last week's Austrian election has led to a wave of revulsion in Austria's tiny Jewish community.

Although the Jews of Austria have accepted Waldheim's electoral triumph as a fait accompli, some of the community's leading spokesmen doubt that there can be a rapprochement between Austrian Jewry and the former secretary-general of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, Michael Elizur, the Israeli ambassador to Austria, who was recalled to Israel for consultations a day after Waldheim's sweep, said in an interview on the eve of his departure that he expected to return to Vienna. "I am coming back," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "There is no intention of disrupting diplomatic relations with Austria."

Elizur, however, was at a loss to say when he would be back at his post. The speculation here is that he will return after Waldheim's inauguration on July 8. A senior official at the Austrian foreign office expressed the hope that Elizur would return soon. "The earlier he returns, the better. We know that Israel is interested in having good relations with Austria."

Austria was in a state of political turmoil last week as Waldheim, the candidate of the conservative People's Party, handily defeated his Socialist opponent, Kurt Steyer, and as Fred Sinowatz, the Socialist chancellor, and Leopold Graty, the foreign minister, resigned in the wake of Waldheim's win.

It was difficult to sense the upheaval on the sunny, crowded streets of Vienna, an historic city of stately old buildings, monumental squares, gurgling fountains, fine shops and sedate cafes famous for their aromatic coffee and scrumptious pastry. But beneath the glory surface, in Vienna's Jewish community, a Canadian visitor could detect the deep emotions associated with Austria's bitter presidential campaign and Waldheim's convincing victory at the polls.

"We have to face the sad and dreary fact that the People's Party used anti-semitism in the campaign," said Avraham Hodik, the secretary-general of Austria's main national Jewish organization. He said that certain officials in the People's Party, which has been in opposition since 1970, had depicted world Jewry as a major political force threatening Austria and had therefore reinforced the anti-semitic perception of prejudiced Austrians.

"We fear the whole process might be repeated in next year's general election," Hodik lamented.

He said that accusations leveled against Waldheim, a former German Nazi officer, had rebounded. "The Jewish community is the only loser of the presidential election. We're the victims of an anti-semitic campaign."

Hodik said that in general, Jews have been traumatized by the events of the last few months. Small Jewish shopkeepers have noticed a considerable drop in the number of their non-Jewish customers, he said. And some Jews are afraid to walk alone at night.

The Jewish Community Centre has received about 60 hate letters from fanatic anti-semites (but some sympathetic letters as well) and swastikas have been daubed on several buildings where Jews live, he added.

In addition, about 13 headstones in the Jewish cemetery have been overturned by unknown vandals.

Walter Schimmer, president of the Austrian-Israel

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Anti-zealot vandals go on the rampage

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Counter-violence by anti-religious extremists against ultra-Orthodox zealots who have been burning and defacing bus stops in recent weeks, erupted in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other cities over the Shavuoth holiday as the government made strenuous efforts to effect a reconciliation between secular and religious Jews.

Vandals broke into Hidushei Harim Yeshiva in the Ramat Hayal quarter of Tel Aviv and went on a rampage destroying prayer books, Bibles, copies of the Talmud and phylacteries. The walls of the yeshiva, which is run by the Gur Chassidim, were daubed with slogans such as "Khomeini-ists," a reference to the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini who imposed a theocratic government on Iran; "Organization against Blacks," a reference to the black garb worn by ultra-Orthodox Jews and "Down With the Black Parasites."

The incident was the worst in the series of anti-religious attacks that began with arson at the Bnei Benjamin Synagogue in Tel Aviv. The walls of the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv was daubed with swastikas. Swastikas also appeared on cars and house walls in the Neve Sharet religious quarter.

Mayor Shlomo Lehat of Tel Aviv said he was shocked by the "terrible and dreadful" violence. Agudat Israel MK Avraham Shapira demanded life sentences for the perpetrators.

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Clark states Canada to wait

By
PAUL LUNGEN

The Canadian government will likely send a telegram of congratulations to recently elected Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, but it has not indicated whether it will accede to requests by Jewish groups to bar him from Canada.

Speaking in the House of Commons last week, Joe Clark, minister of external affairs, said Canada will not act to bar Waldheim until "all the facts are in.

"The people of Austria have just concluded a democratic election," Clark said. "It is not the practice of Canada to pass judgment or comment upon the results of free elections in other countries."

Natalie Kirschberg, a spokeswoman at External Affairs, told The CJN Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will "likely" send a letter of congratulations to Waldheim when he takes office.

A number of Canadian Jewish organizations joined Jewish groups worldwide in expressing shock and dismay at Waldheim's election. Waldheim gained 54% of the ballots cast in a runoff vote versus his Socialist Party opponent, Kurt Steyrer.

In letters to Clark and Flora MacDonald, minister of employment and immigration, Canadian Jewish Congress called Waldheim's election "of the gravest concern to the Jewish community."

Noting Waldheim is listed by the United Nations as a category "A" war criminal "who has consistently lied about his Nazi past" and who "stands accused as an accessory to mass murder" in Yugoslavia and Greece, Congress asked the government to "inform the Austrian government that Waldheim is inadmissible to and unwelcome in this country.

"Waldheim's presence amongst us would constitute an insult to the victims of Nazism and those who fought against it and would be morally repugnant to all Canadians," the letter states.

B'nai B'rith Canada also urged the Canadian government "to bar the entry of Waldheim into Canada as an excludable alien," on the basis of his wartime activities and his knowledge of the deportation of Greek Jews to concentration camps.

Marilyn Wainberg, BB international affairs chairwoman, noted Waldheim is an admitted liar concerning

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Senate panel to study terror

OTTAWA —

The Senate moved recently to establish an 8-person committee to study terrorism in Canada and the role of the media in reporting terrorist incidents.

The Senate special committee, which has not yet been designated, will be headed by Conservative Senator William Kelly, whose initiative prompted the move.

The committee's terms of reference allow it to "examine, evaluate and synthesize available research, documentation and other information about terrorism as a real or potential threat to Canada and Canadians."

The committee will also examine and make recommendations on "the role of the media in reporting threats and incidents."

Toronto Senator Jerry Grafstein told The CJN the focus of the committee will be on the impact on domestic security of terrorist activities.

The key point involved in the establishment of the committee is the "recognition by all parties" that the question of terrorism is not an isolated foreign issue.

It demonstrates the "evolving Canadian mindset" in recent years, which now sees Canada as a potential site for international terrorism, the senator said.

Grafstein noted that Kelly's initiative was launched prior to the U.S. retaliatory raid on Libya, which followed a terrorist attack on a West Berlin disco which killed two people.

Kelly is reported to have said he has a list of 42 experts, many of whom he plans to invite to appear before the committee.

The committee will report by Dec. 19.

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Reagan-Hussein talks: No progress apparent

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

President Reagan and King Hussein agreed last week that unless there was progress in the Middle East toward peace the region could once again "drift" toward war.

But a senior administration official, briefing reporters on the hour-long White House meeting, indicated the situation was still as stalled as it has been since February when Hussein broke off efforts to work out a negotiating stance with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Hussein, who last met with Reagan in September, was in the United States to attend the high school graduation of his twin daughters and to get a physical checkup at a Cleveland hospital.

After his meeting with Reagan, he had lunch with Vice-President George Bush and then met with Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other senior U.S. officials.

The administration official said both Reagan and Hussein agreed on the importance of the U.S. actively participating in the peace process. "The United States has the key to any progress toward peace," Hussein was quoted as saying.

There was no discussion of a possible trip to the Mideast by Shultz, the official said. He noted that Shultz has made it clear that he will only go if his presence will help bring about a successful move toward peace.

The U.S. is also "not laying on any plan at this moment," the official said. He said the administration would study some suggestions made by Hussein although he would not reveal what they were.

But, the official stressed, that "if we ever get negotiations going," the U.S. position is still as outlined by Reagan in his Sept. 1, 1982 peace initiative.

EEC won't be taking new peace initiatives

AMSTERDAM (JTA) —

The foreign ministers of the 12 European Economic Community (EEC) member-states, announced at a recent meeting in Heemskerk that the EEC will no longer take any initiatives to find a peace plan for the Middle East.

The decision followed a report by Dutch foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek, current chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers, on his recent fact-finding visit to the Middle East. It appeared to have been prompted by Syria's negative attitude toward any initiative by the European countries.

Van Den Broak visited Egypt and Jordan in addition to Syria. Last month he visited Arab League headquarters in Tunisia where he also met with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat. He returned from his trip pessimistic over prospects for Middle East peace.

World-National

New charity will help all in need

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

One year ago a new organization made its appearance on the North American scene. Now, just a bare 12 months later, it has captured the imagination of many Jews, and especially young Jews who often feel that the spectrum of organizational life holds little or nothing for them. And if they don't read this column, maybe you'll show it to them.

Rabbi Plaut

Lawrence Phillips is the president of the successful Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation. He also is a person with a live social conscience, and one day he asked himself: "Where is the Jewish counterpart to organizations like Caritas which give religiously motivated people an opportunity to serve others?" And he proceeded to found American Jewish World Service, to help alleviate hunger, ignorance, and poverty in the underdeveloped countries. A chance to do something and not just talk about it.

AJWS is a charity which solicits funds, but it also is a service organization which will make it possible for willing hands to go and help. It is, in other words, a Jewish response to human need. For instance.

- Israeli farmers are pioneers in combating the devastating effects of subtropical environmental conditions. AJWS helps to bring these insights and techniques to African farmers who frequently lose 40% of their grain to dry rot, insects and rodents. Israeli scientists have developed an inexpensive, plastic silo, which promises to reduce post-harvest losses to less than 1%. AJWS is also arranging for field testing in parts of Africa where the potential savings are enormous and often can double production.
- Forty children orphaned in the great Mexican earthquake are cared for in a "Children's Village" that AJWS is constructing near Mexico City.
- In Colombia, 140 survivors of the volcanic eruption which destroyed the town of Armero and killed 22,000 inhabitants are employed by an AJWS-sponsored project to manufacture 10,000 bricks a day for reconstruction of their town on a new, safe site.

And so on. Some will of course say: If you're so anxious to help people why not go to Israel where they also need help and need it badly? The pamphlet which promotes the cause of AJWS anticipates this question and draws on tradition for a response: "The Hebrew word for stork chasidah, is derived from chassid, meaning pious one. According to the Talmud, the bird received its name on account of its compassion and mercy. Then why is the stork listed in the Torah among the unclean birds? A chassidic saying supplies the answer: "It is because the stork's compassion is reserved for its own kind."

Assisting our own as well as others should not be seen as being in conflict. If we find that we can do only one thing; we choose what we think is most urgently needed. But we don't prevent anyone from helping another cause. It is a matter of both/and, not of either/or. Elie Wiesel, a founding member of the service, put it this way. "When I needed people to come and help, nobody came. Therefore today I must come, I must help."

If you and your family find something here that speaks to you, write to AJWS, 29 Commonwealth Ave., Boston MA 02116.

Will others be indicted?

Pollard and wife await sentencing

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Jonathan Jay Pollard, facing Chief Judge Aubrey Robinson, Jr. at the U.S. District Court, could barely be heard when he pleaded guilty on June 4 to spying for Israel. He answered the judge's series of brief questions with a polite "Yes, sir," or "No, sir." He wore a light gray business suit with a smart white handkerchief stuffed in his coat's upper outside breast pocket. Next to the 31-year-old former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst stood his lawyer, James Hibey.

Pollard's 20-year-old wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard sat at a nearby table, her eyes weepy. Since their arrest last November, she has dropped about 30 pounds. She came to the hearing in a fashionable black dress. Her red hair was cut shorter, with a new hair style. Reporters who remembered her from earlier court appearances could hardly recognize her. It was quite an improvement.

Unlike her husband, she has been free on bail since February. She, too, pleaded guilty, but to lesser charges involving the unauthorized possession of classified documents. She walked out of the court with her lawyer immediately following the hearing. Her husband went back to jail.

Both are now awaiting their sentencing. As part of an elaborate plea bargaining arrangement with the government prosecutor, they can be expected to receive reduced sentences.

Israeli officials, clearly embarrassed by the Pollard spy scandal, had hoped all along that he would plead guilty. A lengthy trial would have kept the issue on the front pages of American newspapers and on prime time television news broadcasts for weeks, if not months. They had hoped that a guilty plea would quickly quiet the entire affair and allow the U.S.-Israeli relationship to get back to normal.

But unfortunately for Israel, that is not likely to happen. As Joseph diGenova, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, confirmed shortly following the hearing, a secret U.S. Grand Jury is still continuing its investigation of the entire affair. It is looking into the very delicate question of other alleged Israeli espionage operations in the United States. Numerous U.S. investigators are involved in the operation.

And Pollard, as part of his plea bargaining, must continue to cooperate with the investigation.

As an outgrowth of the Pollard case, the Grand Jury will have to determine whether to indict other U.S. and Israeli citizens. Press reports in the United States in recent days have suggested that there will probably be some more indictments. How many remains unclear. The U.S. attorney refused to make any predictions.

Troubling details

During the U.S. investigation in Israel last December — and since — the Israeli government has described the Pollard operation as an unauthorized deviation of official Israeli policy. Israeli statements have said that the small intelligence unit which "ran" Pollard had not been cleared to do so. Rafael Eitan, the veteran intelligence operative in charge of that since-disbanded unit, had supposedly been acting strictly on his own.

Disgruntled because he had not been promoted to head of the Mossad in the mid-1970s, Eitan was described as anxious to prove exactly how valuable an intelligence operative he really was. Running Pollard in Washington — and distributing that information selectively to Israel leaders — was said to be his chance.

U.S. officials, while originally prepared to accept this explanation by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and other Israeli leaders, are today no longer certain about it. The details of the Pollard case are very troubling to them. It was a complex, expensive and well-organized operation. Why wasn't Eitan ever punished? Instead, he was named in recent months to head the government-owned Israel Chemicals concern.

The search in Washington, therefore, is now on for more "Pollards." And this could prove very awkward for Israel.

The disclosure that Israeli Air Force Col. Aviem "Avi" Sella had recruited Pollard was extremely disturbing to American officials. The actual involvement of the Israeli Air Force raised the possibility of course, that Eitan's scientific intelligence unit, known by its Hebrew acronym as LEKEM, was not acting alone. Sella would presumably first have to receive authority from someone in the Air Force. Who in the Air Force knew of Sella's secret mission in the United States?

Sella, as a graduate student at New York University in 1984, was introduced to Pollard by an "associate" of the American analyst, according to the Grand Jury indictment filed with the Court. The indictment did not identify this associate. There are some sources in Washington who believe that this associate — probably an American citizen — might eventually wind up indicted as well.

The indictment said that Pollard told Sella that he wanted "to work as an agent for the Israeli government." With those words, the indictment went on to explain in very detailed form exactly how the espionage operation actually worked.

Beginning that summer, Pollard and Sella met and agreed that Pollard "would gather and obtain classified national defense information and documents from various United States government agencies, and communicate and deliver said information and documents to Sella and other representatives, agents, employees or citizens of Israel." Later that summer, Pollard provided Sella with information and documents to demonstrate his "ability and willingness to assist the government of Israel."

At one meeting at the home of an unnamed Israeli diplomat in suburban Maryland, Pollard provided Sella with "numerous classified documents and information. Other unidentified individuals were present in the home where the meetings occurred, and they photocopied the documents which Mr. Pollard delivered."

But Sella was scheduled to return to Israel in September of that year. Late that summer, therefore, Sella informed Pollard that his new contact would be Yosef Yagur, a science attache at the Israeli consulate in New York.

By November, the operation was in full swing.

Pollard started to receive $1,500 a month salary from Yagur. Later, it was increased to $2,500 a month. Until his arrest, he had received in excess of $45,000. In addition, he received "at least $10,000 in cash" as reimbursement for the trip to Paris.

Yagur later opened a foreign bank account for Pollard with an initial deposit of $30,000. There was a commitment to deposit $30,000 a year into the account for 10 years, the scheduled lifespan of Pollard's espionage for Israel in Washington.

To grads on real world: Keep expectations high

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

My colleague wants me to tell the graduates what it is like in the real world. I am to deliver the last lecture at this women's college, their last 20 minutes of required listening. Tell them, insists this alumna as we wait for the procession to begin, tell them what it's like.

I barely have a chance to ask this woman what warning she would have me pass on. What alarms should I sound: Beware of tennis elbow, mortgages, children, middle-aged bulge? She says, just tell the women that life won't be as easy as they think. She then slips out of the line to find her seat under the sun.

I don't, forgive me, follow her advice. I am not yet of an age to regale a younger generation with tales of how I walked four miles in the snow to my first job or how cold a world it is out there. I don't feel compelled to dampen their beginning, this commencing, with a wet blanket.

More to the point, I am not sure that the high expectations of the young are so dangerous to their future health. I don't think that adults must provide them with an antidote of bad news, even an antidote responsibly labeled "reality." For some reason, we are compelled to talk about the lows of life, as if they were "real." No one ever warns the young against life's highs.

Yet I know my colleague's instinct is a natural one, and well-meant. She is not bitter, surely not a failure in her adult life. She just wants to inoculate those starting out against the pain of future disappointment. It is a protective instinct that seems especially keen now among women.

The older women, like the parents and teachers flanking the newest batch of graduates before me, see young women who believe that all doors will be open. Discrimination is a subject they studied in history, something that happened to their mothers. They are sure they will be treated as individuals and equals. Treated that way by bosses, by husbands, by the "real world."

But the veterans are not so sure. From their vantage point, the barriers haven't been removed, just lifted higher. The entryways are clearer, but the doors to the corner offices could use a good shove. They predict for the graduates, marriages that may be less than partnerships, and children with needs. Some of these veterans fear that without proper warning the young will hit the first wall with a dull and defeated thud.

I understand that fear. But I don't think you can protect young people from disappointment without wrapping them in a cocoon of cynicism so thick that they may not even try. If 22-year-olds of either sex calculated perfectly the risks of life, the odds of success and failure, the likelihood of losses along the way, many would refuse to leave school and home.

Dull lives, like actuarial tables, are based on the careful calculation of past performances. But lives of promise and progress come from the "irrational" conviction that you can beat the odds, make the future different.

The energy that the young need to fuel new lives may, in some peculiar way, depend on their ability to deny what experience teaches, especially the experience of their elders. This generation of midlife women who have traveled so far from their own mothers' lives should know that.

What about the expectations that hang like fragile tassles on the caps of these women graduates? The problem of past generations wasn't that women expected too much, but that they settled for so little. For centuries, they taught daughters more about compromise than about victory. I prefer great expectations, despite all the risks of great disappointment.

Am I the Pollyanna of the commencement season, a victim of too much Pomp and Circumstance? Some friends who teach tell me grimly that the female students have little sense of connection, less sense that they are a part of a movement of women. But they do assume equal rights, maybe too blithely, but fully. It is much harder to take away something that is already "yours." That's what it's like out here in the "real world": changing.

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Chelsky, Etkin elected

BEERSHEBA —

Sidney Chelsky and Prof. Bernard Etkin of Toronto were elected to the International Board of Governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev at the board's 16th annual meeting in Beersheba. The board, the university's highest policy making body, consists of representative academic and communal leaders from all over the Western world.

A well-known business and community leader, Chelsky holds a high office in the United Jewish Appeal, UIA, JNF and Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, among others. He serves as president of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

Bernard Etkin is University Professor Emeritus at the Institute for Aerospace Studies at the University of Toronto. He served as a member of Ben-Gurion's academic review committee which recently conducted a thoroughgoing review of the academic structures of the university.

Convention chooses Ralph Snow president-elect

Bick elected president of B'nai B'rith Canada

MONTECELLO, NY — Harry Bick was re-elected as president of B'nai B'rith Canada at BB's 23rd annual convention, held here June 8 to 11.

Other officers elected to B'nai B'rith Canada were as follows:

National vice-presidents: Harvey Lancit and Marilyn Wainberg from Montreal; Dr. Brian Feldman and Frank Wilson from Toronto; Howard Henry from Winnipeg will serve Central Canada; Jack Feingold from Calgary will serve Northwest Canada and Moishe Smith from Ottawa and Bernie Vigod from Fredericton will serve non-metropolitan regions.

Harry Bick

Members-at-large: (Montreal): Hershie Frankel, Bernard Pessah and Jacques Hadida; (Toronto): Leslie Kert, Marc Lampert and Michael Rosenberg; (Central Canada): Earl Barrish; (Northwest Canada): Jack Cohen and Terry Israel and (non-metropolitan): Clarence Katz (Hamilton), David Abraham (Windsor) and Jack Marcovitch (Ottawa).

Harvey Crestohl is international vice-president; Lou Ronson will serve on the international board of governors; Ted Greenfield on the international council and Morris Flicht on the international court of appeal.

The B'nai B'rith Canada convention also chose Ralph Snow as president-elect.

Bick, a 52-year-old partner in the accounting firm Bick, Ansky and Minkoff, told delegates one of the highlights of his first term was a trip to South Africa, where he witnessed "firsthand the horrors of apartheid," but also met with leaders of South Africa's Jewish community, who have "built a community infrastructure second to none."

Bick said BB, together with the Canada-Israel Committee, was able to stall the reported construction of the Thyssen weapons plant in Halifax, which, it was believed, was to have sold sophisticated weaponry to Arab countries.

BB's League for Human Rights will apply for intervenor status in the appeals of both the Keegstra and Zundel decisions and it was successful in obtaining official status before the Deschenes Inquiry into Nazi war criminals, Bick noted.

Delegates agreed that the anticipated growth of B'nai B'rith and its activities in Canada in the coming year require structural changes and expansion within the organization.

Bick pledged BB, which says it represents 20,000 families, is committed to opening offices in Calgary and Ottawa before 1987. The board of governors, he added, has authorized the expansion of BB's government and international affairs departments.

The organization will also be setting up a national advisory council consisting of prominent members of the Jewish community who will act in advisory roles.

As well, BB will establish the Charles Goldlust Human Rights Centre in Toronto to serve the human rights needs of Canadian Jews.

Delegates also recommended that every third B'nai B'rith International convention be held outside the United States. B'nai B'rith Canada also urged that the headquarters of the international council of BB be established at the World Centre of B'nai B'rith in Jerusalem.

B'nai B'rith Canada passed a motion recommending that the seven U.S. districts of the organization elect a chairman to serve as spokesman in the U.S., thus lightening the load of the president of B'nai B'rith International.

Entebbe hostage suffers 10 years after hijacking

By NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO — The week of June 27 to July 4 marks 10 years since the terrorist hijacking of an Air France airliner that ended in the Israeli raid to free hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. For Teddy Fialkov and Roseline Tencer of North York, the anniversary of the event brings back painful memories.

The women's mother Leonora Neiger, 77, who was living in Paris at the time, was one of 47 non-Israeli hostages who were released three days into the ordeal.

Neiger, belived to be the only Jew released at that time, provided the Israeli embassy in Paris with information that helped in the planning of the commando operation that freed the remaining hostages a few days later.

Neiger, a Holocaust survivor, was returning alone to Paris from a niece's wedding in Tel Aviv when the Air France jet carrying more than 250 passengers and crew was hijacked shortly after takeoff from Athens.

"I'll never forget that morning. Dad called from France at 4 a.m. to say that mom had not arrived home," said Teddy. "To this day I can't believe it was only three days. It seemed like an eternity," added her sister Roseline.

The women were particularly worried about their mother's health since Neiger did not have enough medication with her to treat a heart condition, hardening of the arteries, chronically infected pancreas and thyroid glandular problems.

With the help of former External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen, arrangements were made for French doctors who visited the hostages to take more medicine to Neiger.

Although the former hostage escaped physically unharmed, the Entebbe episode left Neiger with severe psychological scars. Teddy and Roseline, who describe their mother as "bright, beautiful and elegant" before the hijacking, report that she has never been the same since.

Today she suffers from senile dementia, a form of brain cell atrophy which leaves her confused and tormented by constantly reliving her experience during the Holocaust and the Air France hostage taking incident. "She lives in a private hell," said Teddy.

Sitting in the psychiatric ward of St. Michael's Hospital, Leonora Neiger this week remembered how some of the hysterical Air France passengers were beaten into silence. "Fortunately for me I wasn't one of those who was beaten," she said, her eyes filling with tears.

Neiger decided that the only way to survive was to sit quietly and pretend she didn't exist. She did not admit to knowing any language other than French and was eventually released because she had a French passport.

Yet, according to her daughter, the fact that two of the terrorists conversed in German, and that once inside the terminal building the Israelis were separated from the other passengers, reminded Neiger of the concentration camps and triggered an emotional breakdown that has steadily worsened over the last 10 years.

Leonora and Simon Neiger joined their two daughters in Toronto five years ago. But since the death of their father last October, Teddy and Roseline have not felt that it is safe for their mother to live alone in her apartment.

Now, 10 years after Entebbe, they are waiting for her to be transferred from St. Michael's to Baycrest Hospital in the hope that her nightmares and hallucinations will be less severe in a Jewish environment.

"Mother only feels comfortable where Yiddish is spoken and she constantly cries out to be taken to where there are Jewish people," said Teddy.

Pentagon anti-terror expert urges "unambiguous" action

MONTECELLO, NY — International terrorism must be countered by strong, immediate and "unambiguous" action, says a consultant to President Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor.

Michael Ledeen told delegates to B'nai B'rith Canada's 23rd annual convention held here recently that "half-hearted" responses to terrorism only reinforce the resolve of terrorists.

A specialist in counter-terrorism at the Pentagon, Ledeen said conciliatory responses to acts of terror are perceived by its perpetrators as a sign of weakness. A half-hearted defence of victims of terror shows terrorists that governments may not always protect their citizens, Ledeen stated.

"Terrorism is the ultimate weapon of fanatics," he said, adding that terrorist groups often have ideals outside the mainstream.

Past indecisiveness in the face of terrorism has allowed the Soviet Union and other nations to use terror as a relatively cheap way of promoting their causes and getting media attention without fear of severe retaliation, Ledeen said.

Even more dangerous than fringe groups, he explained, are states that sponsor terrorism and aid terrorists. Responses such as the recent American bombing of the coast of Libya are the "only real deterrent" to the recent surge of acts of terror.

Abe Tooch, a representative of Tour V'Aleh, an Israeli touring and travel company, told the delegates that tourism to Israel has fallen "drastically," with hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv experiencing large losses.

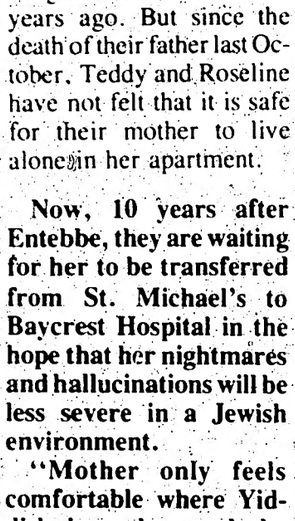
Tooch urged all present to plan extended visits to Israel and work on volunteer programs, current fears over terrorism notwithstanding. "Are you prepared to allow (Libyan leader Muammar) Qadaffi to be your travel agent?" Tooch asked.

Blumer appointed immigration board vice-chairman

MONTREAL — Joseph Blumer, a Montreal lawyer with the firm Worsoff and Mass, has been appointed vice-chairman of the federal Immigration Appeal Board, it was announced by Walter McLean, minister of state for immigration.

Blumer, who shares the vice-chairmanship with Errol Townshend of Toronto, will serve a 2-year term. Their mandate, following passage of Bill C-55, is to process the numerous and backlogged Immigration Appeal Board cases.

An active member of Montreal's multicultural and volunteer community organizations, Blumer has been the recipient of the Jubilee Medal for his work with the Foster Parents Plan of Canada and has served on the Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.



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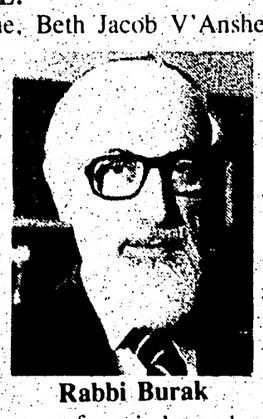
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: What are the halachot which deal with having windows along the eastern wall of the synagogue? Would it contribute to the religious spirit and be a mitzvah? — ELI OPHEK, THORNHILL.

In my own synagogue, Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz, the entire eastern wall is occupied by the ark. In our chapel where the ark is not as large, there are high bookcases on either side of it, but no windows. At Shomrai Shabbos-Chevra Mishnayos, the synagogue built to the specifications of our Gaon Rabbi Gedalia Felder shlita,



Rabbi Burak

the ark leaves plenty of room for windows, but there are none. However, high above the ark, there are a few stained glass windows in the form of a menorah. Their chapel does have a window on either side of the ark.

In Daniel, Chapter 6:11, we are told that when Daniel went into his house to pray, "his windows were open, in his upper chamber, toward Jerusalem, and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed. . . ." Does this mean that all our shuls should have windows facing Jerusalem?

The Talmud, in Tractate Berachos, 31A, deduces a law from the above text, but, it is not the one we're looking for. We are told in the name of Rabbi Hiyya bar Abba that "A man should always pray in a house with windows," as Daniel did. The Talmudic statement is repeated a few pages later, 34B, except that here Rabbi Hiyya bar Abba does not say it in his own name, but in the name of Rabbi Yochanan.

The Code, however, tells us, O.H. Chapter 90:4: "One should open the doors or windows towards Jerusalem, and pray facing them. And it is proper to have 12 windows in the synagogue." Where did the Code get this information about the number of windows a synagogue should have? It comes from the kabbalah, from the Zohar on Parshas Pikkude, 251A, according to the 'Ateres Zekenim.

The Be'er Hetev, in his commentary on the Code, adds that "it is not necessary that all the openings should be towards the East; they may be in all directions. The 'Ateres Zekenim adds that in the synagogue his grandfather built in Vienna there were three windows along each of the four walls.

The Rambam did not require any windows for a synagogue, according to a responsum of his. Since the biblical text only speaks of Daniel's house, then it's a house that requires windows for prayer, but not a synagogue. It's intriguing that while Rabbi Joseph Caro z.l. mentions this responsum by Maimonides in his commentary on Hilchos Tefillah, Chapter 5:6, he disregards it in his Code.

For that saintly man, any statement of Maimonides' that stands in conflict with the words of the Zohar must be disregarded. According to the Zohar, "The great synagogue on high has 12 windows. So, too, should our lower synagogue be." But, is it wise to be looking at windows even those that face eastward while praying? May you not see something that will take your mind away from your prayer?

That's exactly the attitude taken by another Talmudic text. We are told in Tractate Yevammos, 105B: "Let him who prays cast his eyes downwards, but turn his heart upwards." This contradictory doctrine found its way into the Code, O.H. Chapter 95:2. How does one resolve this conflict?

Rashi tells us that the windows bring us light, and that helps our prayers. The Chassam Sofer, O.H. responsum 27, tells us "the windows of the synagogue are built above man's height to prevent him from looking out." At Telshe Yeshiva, the windows are at the normal level, but they are covered all the way above eye level.

In my view, a properly made ark, facing east, is the best window to bring us the light of Jerusalem, and to direct our prayers to the Holy One, blessed be He.

Honorary doctorate for Leona Finkler

Bar-Ilan fetes long-time supporter

By
ED FEUER

TORONTO — An outpouring of love and admiration accompanied the honorary doctorate of humane letters that Leona Finkler received from Bar-Ilan University at a recent special convocation and tribute dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

In their praise of the national president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan, speakers expressed their appreciation of her character and achievements in Jewish communal life for almost four decades.

"In every area in which a human being can possibly excel, you excel, and you add a double measure of heart and soul," Finkler was told by Prof. Emanuel Rackman, Bar-Ilan's chancellor who conferred the degree during the evening hosted by the Canadian Friends.

Rackman said the day he succeeded in enlisting Finkler in the cause of Bar-Ilan was one of the most blessed days of his life. The honoree, he said, was a "person with extraordinary intelligence, both practical and visionary, a person with an enormous capacity for work, a person whom God spared from the Holocaust to bring to mankind, not hate, but love and a limitless capacity for compassion."

Finkler's Holocaust experience made her strong and determined to better the world, Rackman said, adding that her first major leadership role involved the healing of her people's wounds by strengthening the young State of Israel.

The chancellor said that she and her husband Arnold, also an honorary Bar-Ilan alumnus and a past president of the Toronto Chapter of Bar-Ilan Friends, "were captains in every effort" in the Zionist program. "Virtually every breath you breathed involved the survival of our religious heritage and our national renaissance," he said.

"The memory of your past haunted you and when you and Arnold became dynamic leaders of Bar-Ilan University's Friends, you established our Centre for Holocaust Studies, which not only provided Bar-Ilan University with one of its most important teaching and research programs, but also stimulated other institutions in Israel and the western hemisphere to follow suit."

Referring to her efforts for Toronto's Baycrest Centre, Rackman said Finkler played a major role in the care of senior citizens. "As you chose not to forget the 6 million martyrs, so you chose not to forget those who might have been more fortunate if only the Jewish people had not lost a generation of children who would now be in middle age and in a position to care for older forebears."

Her crowning achievement, the chancellor said, was the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre at Bar-Ilan (endowed by the Finklers and named after their daughter Marilyn who died of cancer). "It is not without tears that we rejoice because of the name that the centre will bear, but it is only by sowing in tears that we can ever one day reap joy," he added.

Leona Finkler, recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Bar-Ilan University, is hooded in traditional academic fashion by her husband Arnold and daughter Pat Friedland as university chancellor Prof. Emanuel Rackman looks on.

Finkler said that after having miraculously survived Auschwitz, "I knew that my life would have to be one of commitment to my people." After having lost almost all her loved ones, "what else could add meaning to my life? To indulge in material gains only, without caring for those in need was wrong. So my path was clear, my direction was set . . .

"I saw it all in one lifetime — the depths of degradation, man's capacity to endure and this last hope for human redemption — our beloved State of Israel, and in it the gem called Bar-Ilan University."

Finkler said her daughter Marilyn's dream is becoming reality with the great strides in the field of early cancer detection and treatment made by Bar-Ilan researchers.

"Those who will benefit by these accomplishments," she said, "will learn that the cancer research centre was the gift, not from us, but the gift from a beautiful 19-year-old victim of cancer who was destined to spread about her, happiness and hope. It was Marilyn's gift to Israel and humanity."

Finkler said she was proud to join her husband as an honorary alumnus of Bar-Ilan because the university "has become part of my life — my raison d'etre."

She referred to the evening as "this most stirring experience" in her life.

Irwin Cotler, law professor at Montreal's McGill University, said Finkler's life work was "not only an act of remembrance but the remembrance to act." He said she not only remembered but taught and acted on that remembrance including her involvement in the smuggling of immigrants to Palestine soon after her liberation.

Cotler said Finkler was a righteous woman who brought life to all around her with her good works in Canada and Israel. Her maasim tovim (good deeds) were an expression and an example in a world filled with too much silence and indifference.

He ranked her with Avital Scharansky and Ida Milgrom, "two other women who have been metaphors and models for the struggle for human rights in our time."

Tribute committee chairman Dr. Tovi Comet-Walerstein said the honor bestowed on Finkler was well-deserved — "a fitting tribute to a woman who has been able to transcend past tragedies and transform them into help for others." It is appropriate recognition to a lover of fellow Jews and to an ardent supporter of Jewish causes and Israel, she said.

Greetings were delivered by Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel; Norman Stern, president of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan; and Kurt Rothschild, national board chairman of the Canadian Friends.

The dinner was co-chaired by Louis and Dorothy Zeifman.

Mirabel will remove offensive postcards

MONTREAL — Transport Canada has agreed to remove from Mirabel Airport boutiques a series of postcards described as "offensive and tasteless" by Canadian Jewish Congress.

Photostats of three postcards were received by CJC by someone passing through the airport, said Quebec Region executive director Jeff Kushner.

They depict External Affairs Minister Joe Clark wearing a yarmulke and holding a balloon with an Israeli flag; former Quebec Premier Rene Levesque, looking like PLO chief Yasser Arafat and holding a dagger shaped like a fleur-de-lys; and former Ontario Premier Bill Davis wearing a Union Jack eyepatch and getting a blood transfusion.

Kushner said the director of marketing for Transport Canada at Mirabel had the postcards immediately withdrawn and indicated they would also no longer be sold in other airports under federal jurisdiction.

Kushner said that because CJC only obtained photostats of the front of the postcards it is not known by whom they are printed or distributed.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, chairman of CJC's Community Relations Committee, Quebec Region, said the cards "did not provide Canadian travelers and visitors with an image which reflects the pride Canadians and Quebecers have in their country and province and displayed neither wit nor humor."

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Affordable, high quality service for all

CJC urges Ottawa action for better day care

OTTAWA —

The federal government should take the lead in providing affordable, high quality child care services, the Canadian Jewish Congress has told a special parliamentary committee studying the future of day care.

CJC president Dorothy Reitman and Prof. Fred Zemans, chairman of CJC's national law and social action committee, last week told the committee of seven MPs touring the country to hear submissions that Ottawa should look to provide "significant and meaningful leadership" in day care.

With the surge in working parents and single-parent families in the past decade, the need for child care has increased dramatically, CJC says, and parents should not be forced to choose between family and job.

The committee was set up last March by health minister Jake Epp to examine the quality and availability of child care in Canada and to recommend changes to the government. It has so far heard from over 800 people or groups nationally. Its report to cabinet is due in November.

CJC's 7-page submission notes that at the recent Congress plenary in Toronto, delegates agreed they should join with others to strive for adequate, public, voluntary, non-profit child care facilities.

"We say without hesitation that Canadian Jewry as a whole recognizes the need for far-reaching action on child care," the brief says. "We look to the federal government for substantive leadership in this area and we seek prompt redress for the gross inadequacies and inequities which have persisted."

CJC adds it recognizes the needs to extend the period for maternal leave (currently three months in most places) and that leave from employment should apply to fathers as well as mothers.

Current day care costs are prohibitive and ironically, prevent many people from seeking employment — precisely those who need day care most, Congress states.

"We would agree with those who have suggested $4,500 as an accurate estimate of per-child, per-year costs of day care. Such costs are formidable in any case, and especially to low-income families. Even middle-income families with both parents employed cannot really manage such costs."

While the brief does not discuss the need for day care in kosher or Jewish surroundings, it does state that "the Jewish community feels most strongly that there can be no underestimating the importance of ethno-specific, culturally rich child care to the developmental needs of children."

CJC makes the following recommendations to the government:

- Canada must immediately establish "a clear national policy" on child care, to make high quality, affordable child care available to all.
- Canada must commit itself to "significant" funding of child care in Canada, whatever the jurisdictional problems would be. Canada should not regard child care as welfare.
- The government should develop a "model" for funding of day care, similar to its funding of health services and education in the provinces.
- Canada should appoint a coordinator in the area of child care at the ministerial level.
- The issue of child care should be brought up at the next First Ministers' conference.
- Day care should either be established or upgraded in federal government offices.
- Parental leave periods and payments should be extended and should apply to both parents.

"The Jewish community, through Jewish tradition...is acutely sensitive to the urgent need for immediate, significant action on child care by all levels of government," the brief says.

However, in the House of Commons last week, Finance Minister Michael Wilson refused to commit more federal money for day care next year until he receives the committee's report.

In its own brief to the committee recently, Toronto Jewish Congress recommended that either spouse be allowed a tax deduction of the full average market rate of child care — about $4,500 a year. Currently, only the lower income earner can deduct child care expenses, to a maximum of $2,000 per child per year.

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Quebec Young Liberals split

Pro-PLO resolution passed

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A split has developed within the ranks of the youth wing of the federal Liberal Party in Quebec over a pro-PLO resolution adopted at its recent general assembly.

The resolution emerged as one of the highest priorities for the Young Liberals of Canada (Quebec), after receiving the largest number of votes (36) from the 50 delegates present. This means that it is among the three resolutions Quebec will present at the national convention of the Youth Liberals to be held in November in Ottawa.

It calls upon the Liberal Party of Canada to "recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the principal spokesgroup of the Palestinian people, that it reaffirms its opposition to the Israeli policy of settlements in occupied territories, and that it reaffirms its demand that Israel pulls out of these territories."

The preamble of the resolution criticizes the Progressive Conservative government because it "refuses to take a clear stand, and is satisfied in following the American policy."

It states that the "Palestinian question is at the root" of the impasse in the Middle East peace process. And that Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "reduce the possibility of reaching a solution since the settlements are located on a territory that could serve for an eventual Palestinian state."

The resolution was proposed by the Outremont Riding Association and, according to a member of the Young Liberals' executive, was actively encouraged by St. Denis member of Parliament Marcel Prud'homme, who acted as the resource person on foreign affairs at the assembly.

Jonathan Schneiderman, a national vice-president of the Young Liberals, said he and other members who spoke out against the resolution are beginning to organize a campaign to ensure that the resolution is defeated at the November national convention.

He said that his Mount Royal Riding Association had drafted a resolution endorsing the existing Liberal Party policy of Canada's not recognizing the PLO until it renounces terrorism and recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist. This resolution was not dealt with at the plenary session of the assembly however.

Odessa Refusenik allowed to leave

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Alexander Kushnir, of Odessa, received permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported here last week.

Kushnir, a construction engineer, was initially refused permission to leave in July, 1976, because he had served in the Soviet Navy.

He completed his military service in 1970, when the immigration office in Odessa assured him that he would be able to emigrate five years after demobilization which would have been in 1975. However, he received permission only recently to leave. His mother and brother are in Israel.

Moslem protest "renews" pledge to destroy Israel

By LISA GROSS & RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

About 250 Moslems from Toronto and Montreal gathered outside the U.S. consulate on University Ave. on "International Day of Jerusalem" to denounce Israel and its "imperialist allies."

The protest, held June 6, the 19th anniversary of the start of the 1967 Six Day War between Israel and surrounding Arab nations, was proclaimed by Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's spiritual leader, as a renewal of the promise to drive Israel "back to the sea," said Zafar Bangash, the group's leader and head of the newspaper Crescent International.

"This is only the beginning of what you will hear," promised the protesters. "Today Moslems all over the world will demonstrate and remember Israel occupies Palestine."

The protesters handed out leaflets which called Israel — "implanted by force on the Muslim land of Palestine — an affront to one billion Moslems...One fourth of mankind, the Moslems, will never accept a racist, oppressive, settler regime which is bent on waging an all out war against the world's Moslems.

"Every attempt by quisling rulers — such as (former Egyptian president Anwar) Sadat — to reconcile the Moslems with the Zionists is doomed and damned," the leaflet stated. "The Moslems are dead serious about liberating every inch of Palestine and all other usurped Moslem lands. This generation is beginning to witness the Islamic determination to live free or die."

Protesters burned an Israeli flag, on whose ashes small children were led to walk.

Banners carried by the demonstrators read "Down with Israel" and "Down with the U.S."

Lapel buttons proclaimed, "Zionism is racism. Down with racism."

Protester P. Kaman, a student at Concordia University in Montreal, told The CJN the protest was not held to coincide with the anniversary of the start of the Six Day War. The occasion, he said, was the last Friday of the Moslem festival of Ramadan.

"The Israelis have occupied parts of territories that are Palestine. We are here to remember that Jerusalem belongs to Moslems," Kaman said. "In free countries, this (demonstration) is possible."

The protest lasted through most of the afternoon, with Metro police reporting no incidents.

The demonstrators included Palestinians, Iranians and Iraqis, all of whom marched under a large portrait of Khomeini.

Hadassah-WIZO creates young leadership dept.

OTTAWA —

A young leadership department has been created within the national executive of the Hadassah-WIZO organization of Canada to help ensure the growth of young leadership within the organization's chapters.

To be known as Aviv, Hebrew for spring, the new department was established by 120 Hadassah-WIZO leaders from across the country at their recent national executive meeting, the organization announced.

The new department will be comprised of about 25 representatives of the many younger chapters already in existence across Canada. Their main focus will be to draw new members from the ranks of young working women as well as career professionals.

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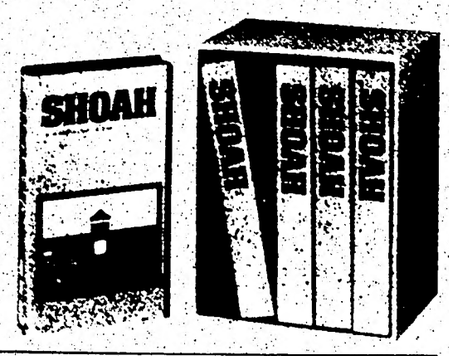

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Refusenik's health has "severely deteriorated"

Ida Nudel's sister appeals to Clark in meeting

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

The health of exiled Soviet Jewish activist Ida Nudel has "severely deteriorated" since last year and her life may be in danger, her sister Ilana Fridman told External Affairs Minister Joe Clark during a recent meeting here.

Fridman pleaded for Canada's help in persuading the Soviet Union to allow her sister to live in Israel with her.

Fridman, who has lived in Israel since 1972, said she believes Nudel, 55, suffers from circulatory and urinary tract problems, liver impairment and possibly pancreatic cancer. She has also lost the use of her right hand, Fridman said.

Nudel has refused to be hospitalized because she does not trust the official medical personnel, said Fridman. This information is contained in an affadavit signed by her sister which she presented to Clark.

In 1978, Nudel was sentenced to four years of exile in Siberia after putting a banner on her balcony saying "KGB, give me my visa." She had repeatedly been refused the right to emigrate since 1971. After her four years of exile, Nudel was not permitted to return to her home in Moscow and has been living in Bendery, a small town in Moldavia, since February, 1983.

Fridman said Nudel has been effectively banished to this remote area of the Soviet Union for an indefinite period of time.

Moreover, Nudel has been confined to "total isolation," having been denied the social and cultural contacts, as well as medical care, of her choice. Nudel did attempt at the end of 1984 and the beginning of 1985 to seek medical care from doctors of her own choice in Moscow, but was constantly harassed on the journey from Bendery to Moscow.

Fridman said her sister was recently forced to abandon any legal rights to her Moscow apartment. Visitors to Nudel have been interrogated and threatened by police to refrain from further contact.

Nudel herself has been subjected to constant police harassment. "Her house is regularly searched and watched whether she is home or not. She is regularly ordered to report for interrogation at the police station. She is followed and harassed should she seek to travel for medical care, and often must endure humiliating searches."

As worrisome to Fridman is her sister's emotional state. "Though she is a woman of firm belief and courage, there are signs that her spirit may now be eroding under the stress of years of illness, loneliness and persecution."

Fridman, 53, emigrated to Israel in 1972 and has not seen Nudel since that time. Their main contact today is through "erratic telephone connection."

Also present at the meeting with Clark were McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who acts as Nudel's legal counsel; Barbara Stern and Martin Penn, chairman and director, respectively, of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry; and Fridman's husband Aryeh.

Reagan accepts pledge from Israel on spying

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

President Reagan indicated last week that he accepts Israel's assurance that Jonathan Pollard was an unauthorized exception to Israel's policy of not spying on the United States.

"The only thing I know is that the Israeli government has assured us, as much as they can, that they never had any program of trying to get intelligence information from our country or doing any spying on us," Reagan said in a nationally-televised press conference from the White House.

He added that the justice department is continuing its investigation, "but so far there's been no evidence presented to us from anyone."

Asked what he would do if some evidence of additional Israeli spying was found, the President replied: "Well, then I think we'll have to deal with that then, and find out whether it's a surprise to the Israeli government — whether someone was off playing their game or not."

Pollard pleaded guilty June 4 to spying for Israel while a civilian intelligence analyst for the navy. His wife, Anne, pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of receiving and possessing stolen national defense documents. Both are awaiting sentencing.

The Israeli government has maintained that the Pollard episode was a "rogue" operation of which it had no knowledge. The Israeli embassy has declared that charges that the espionage went beyond Pollard are "baseless."

The state department said that it accepts the Israeli assurance that the espoinage does not go beyond Pollard and that Israel is cooperating in the continuing investigation.

However, justice department sources have been asserting that the espionage goes further than Pollard. Pollard is cooperating with the probe as part of his plea bargaining agreement in which he will not receive a life sentence.

Deschenes says no

OTTAWA —

The Deschenes Commission investigating Nazi war criminals has ruled out any visit to the Soviet Union to collect evidence, the Toronto Star reports.

Officials of the Commission said last week, as The CJN was going to press, that a decision by the Soviets to cooperate fully with investigators did not allow enough time for a visit to that country.

The Commission's mandate was extended recently by 90 days to Sept. 30 to allow it to complete its work. Spokesmen for Canadian Jewish Congress, the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre have called on the probe to follow evidentiary trails no matter where they may lead, including East Bloc countries.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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KRIEGER — GOLDBERG

The scholarly Albert Lando expanded his practice as a respected trustee in bankruptcy by introducing two bright associates: Perry Krieger and Steve Goldberg.

Krieger means warrior — an unlikely choice of name for a traditionally peace-loving Jew. Actually, the name is Krueger (pronounced Krieger) — a publican or taverner who sold beer by the jug or mug (Krug).

Goldberg, notwithstanding the popular misconception that it is an indigenous Jewish name is, in fact, the name of two towns in Germany, one in Silesia (southeastern Germany) and the other in Mecklenburg (northern Germany). Little wonder that Jews who monopolized the name as an heriloom looked askance at a Black actress, who starred in the movie The Color Purple with the incredible name of Whoopi Goldberg. There's gold in them there hills!

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On June 19, 1967, Poland premier Wladyslaw Gomulka denounced an alleged Jewish conspiracy and fifth column that was exulting in Israel's unexpected defeat of the Arabs days earlier. His remarks unleashed anti-semitism and purges once again, in a country whose main Jewish element — as well as that of most of Europe — was obliterated decades earlier.

Some 700 years of Jewish life in Poland came to a brutal end with the murder of millions of Jews in local death and concentration camps during the Holocaust. Jewish resistance against the Nazis was at best not supported by the armed Polish underground. Postwar resettlement of the survivors was discouraged by mounting attacks on them in roads and public places. These culminated in the pogroms of Cracow in 1945 and Kielce in 1946. In the latter, Polish men, women and children ran amok, killing 42 Jews and wounding over 50. Attacks spread throughout the country. In 1945 alone, 353 Jews were reported murdered. Despite reassurances by Poland's Jewish leadership and Jewish communists, survivors fled in droves.

In the early 50s, Jewish cooperatives, several with assets originally funded by the Joint Distribution Committee, were appropriated by Poland's national communal organization. The Jewish central committee was coerced into resigning from the World Jewish Congress. All Jewish schools were nationalized and their Jewish content minimized; Yiddish as the language of instruction was replaced by Polish, and Hebrew was banned. Contact with international organizations, "agents of imperialism," was severely discouraged.

Conflicting guidance

Official Jewish leadership provided conflicting guidance: an historical institute, newspaper, and theatre continued to express some Jewish identity, while assimilation was encouraged. An idealistic plan to form a Birobidzhan-like settlement in Silesia came to nothing.

Gomulka came to power in 1956. The JDC and ORT were allowed in to take care of some 25,000 Jews out of a total of several hundred thousand Polish nationals being repatriated from the USSR. Most of the returning Jews, shocked by the bleak prospects and another spurt of anti-semitism, kept going. They were joined by others. Some 141,000 Jews moved to Israel in the 10 years after 1948. Close to another 50,000 left Poland in 1958-59. Now there were fewer than 30,000 left, many of them elderly or in the final stages of assimilation.

The breaking off of diplomatic relations with Israel accompanied Gomulka's speech. A torrent of abuse and hatred created the demand to make government institutions judenrein. Leaflets distributed at party meetings excoriated Jewish emigrants and alleged defectors. The chief of Poland's nuclear research institute and a number of its leading scientists were dismissed; the instigator of the action quietly defected to the West two months later. Hardline generals purged their political and personal enemies, hundreds of officers, in the Polish army, including the chief of air defence.

Systematic purge

The Orlinskys, a married couple, were fired from their longtime posts at the military medical academy. They took poison. She died. He survived, blinded. He was accused in his hospital bed of the "Zionist motivated murder" of his wife.

A military historian, a Jew, happened to accompany a group of sports reporters to an evening drunk at the time the Six Day War ended. He was accused of "organizing a drinking party celebrating the victory," and expelled from the party and the army.

By the end of 1967, a systematic purge of Jewish and moderate officials claimed hundreds of victims, including: the liberal (and non-Jewish) mayor of Warsaw; the veterans' union chairman, a hero of the anti-Nazi undergound; and several leading editors. Circulating freely once again was the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. A book attributing the Holocaust and Poland's defeat to a Zionist-Nazi plot went into its second printing.

In March, 1968, students rioted against the suspension of a liberal play. The Jews were blamed.

Close to 15,000 more Jews left. The community was effectively liquidated.

JIAS helps them settle

Immigrants from Israel top list

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
More than half of all Jewish immigrants who came to Canada last year with the aid of Jewish Immigrant Aid Service of Canada (JIAS) were from Israel, the annual meeting of JIAS was told recently.

Of the 178 Jewish individuals JIAS helped settle in Canada in 1985, 99 were from Israel, year-end statistics show. JIAS helped 95 Jewish families settle in Canada last year, a 50% increase from 1984.

Of the remaining immigrants, 29 were from the Soviet Union, 17 from Poland, 14 from Romania, five each from Iran and Hungary and the rest from South America, Australia, Czechoslovakia, South Africa and Turkey.

In his summing up, outgoing national president Daniel Morris told officers that JIAS dealt with 1,238 immigration cases last year — cases ranging from simple inquiries about immigration to those resulting in people settling in Canada. The figure was down from the 1,492 cases handled in 1984.

JIAS social services, which helps immigrants find housing and jobs and aids in financial and general adjustment problems, helped 495 Jewish families, or 997 individuals last year, down from the 629 families, or 1,403 individuals, aided in 1984.

As well, Morris noted, HIAS — Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services, the worldwide body for Jewish immigrants — helped 26 Jews come to Canada: 10 from Hungary, six from Morocco, five from Lebanon, three from Poland and two from the USSR.

Fully half of all Jews in Canada have been helped by JIAS one way or another, the meeting was told.

Harold Ashley
...national president

In cooperation with HIAS and the Red Cross, JIAS last year helped locate 13 families for friends and relatives, based on 45 inquiries.

The year end report also shows that JIAS processed 131 immigration-related documents in 1985.

According to Maurice Benzacar of JIAS, about 80% of all Jewish immigrants to Canada come through JIAS, so the figure of more than half of all immigrants being from Israel is accurate. However, he said, few of these immigrants are native Israelis. They are usually from Eastern Europe or Africa and use Israel as a stopover to Canada.

Guest speaker Gerry Weiner, Member of Parliament for Dollard and parliamentary secretary to employment and immigration minister Flora MacDonald, said the government this year expects to welcome 115,000 new immigrants to Canada, up 35,000 from last year. Weiner pledged that "never again" will the government practice discriminatory immigration policies, as it did against Jewish refugees during World War II.

In other business, Dr. Harold Ashley was named to replace Morris as national president. Other new national officers are George Hegedus, vice-president at large; Lawrence Band, vice-president; Ernest Rashkovan, vice-president; Prof. Donald Schwartz, vice-president; Sheldon Sper, secretary and Catherine Shiff, treasurer.

Within Toronto JIAS, the following officers were installed for 1986/87: Sheldon Sper, president (replacing Donald Grant); Donald Schwartz, vice-president; Dr. Rolf Lederer, vice-president; Norman Mogil, vice-president/treasurer and Susan Fremes, secretary.

The Jack Shindman Memorial Scholarship Award, named for a past president of JIAS, was awarded to Max Cherniak, a York University sociology student who came to Canada in 1981 with the aid of JIAS.

U.S. argues against Lavi

By
HUGH ORGEL

TORONTO —
Israeli and American officials are embroiled in serious debate over the feasibility of Israel producing its second generation supersonic jet fighter plane, the Lavi, a prototype of which is scheduled for its first test flight next September.

A multi-party Knesset delegation just returned from the U.S. reported they were subject to intense pressure by the American officials they met to abandon the project on grounds that Israel has neither the money nor the technical ability to build the plane. The main American argument against the Lavi is its excessive cost per unit. But American cost calculations greatly exceed those of Israeli experts.

The U.S. has a direct stake in the plane because it is financing the project to a large degree and because the Lavi will be powdered by American-made Pratt and Whitney engines.

Haaretz quoted a senior defence ministry official last week as saying the Reagan administration has taken no formal decision to discontinue the Lavi but would be very pleased if Israel decided to do so on its own.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has indicated that Israel is determined to build the plane but is willing to hear American alternative proposals, the newspaper Al Hamishmar reported. "They (the Americans) are not talking about discontinuing financial aid for the project (but) Israel is open to proposals and is willing to examine them, provided there is no delay in the plane's development in the meantime," Rabin was quoted as saying.

Israel Radio reported that the Knesset delegation had received suggestions from American officials that Israel should use an advanced version of the American-built F-16 jet fighter, incorporating in it the Israeli technology developed for the Lavi.

Also according to the delegation, the Americans promised that Israeli engineers laid off if the Lavi is abandoned would find employment in the U.S. Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), the Reagan administrttion's so-called Sttar Wars program. Israel, along with Britain and West Germany is one of the American allies promised contracts in connection with the SDI.

The Knesset delegation was more than a little indignant over the pressure applied by U.S. officials, Israel Radio reported. They were quoted as saying that as they made their rounds from one official to another, those they just saw briefed the ones they were about to see on the arguments the Israelis were presenting in favor of the Lavi. Thus briefed in advance, they were able to come up with counter-arguments.

David Magen, a Likud MK who was a member of the delegation, said the high cost estimates by the Americans were based on exaggerated notions of the salaries earned by Israeli engineers. He and other members said the Americans seemed determined to abort the Israeli Lavi production effort.

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Editorial

Most deplorable

The Washington Post noted recently that a new group has appeared on the scene in Israel. It calls itself Tanach — not from its love of Hebrew Scripture as the name might suggest, but from the Hebrew acronym for Terror Against Ultra-Orthodoxy ("Terror Neged Charedim").

Members of the newly-organized group disguise themselves in the traditional black coats of chassidic Jews, enter Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter, and cover the facades of synagogues and religious schools with drawings of nude women, pigs and obscene slogans in Hebrew and English.

In conversations with Western reporters one youthful group member said, "This is the first salvo to prevent a complete takeover of Jerusalem by these fanatics. They have surrounded the city, and either we stop them, or there will be civil war."

The immediate triggering mechanism of the most recent daubings in Mea Shearim was a number of attacks by ultra-Orthodox Jews on public bus shelters which carry advertising considered to be morally offensive.

On other occasions members of the Tanach vigilante group have ambushed the ultra-Orthodox as they prepared to burn the offensive bus stop shelters and held them for the police.

The clashes are symptomatic of the growing polarization between extreme secularist and extreme Orthodox groups in Israel. Some suggest that the potential threat which exists between these two elements is as dangerous to the equilibrium of the Jewish state as the external threat from Israel's enemies.

This is one of the most deplorable developments in modern Israel. The attempts to mediate between the two warring factions have, moreover, been largely unsuccessful.

The spectre of the Beirutization of Jerusalem is still far away but it remains nonetheless as a painful symbol of what can happen to the soul of a city when groundless hatred, uncontrolled passions and undisciplined beliefs are permitted to ravage a society.

The prophet Isaiah's plea — "Come let us reason together," — must replace the wanton violence now actuating intra-community strife in Jerusalem.

Great mitzvah

We applaud the meritorious idea behind Mazon, an organization founded recently to succor the hungry in the community.

Begun in the United States, Mazon is an idea worthy of emulation in Canada and elsewhere in the world where plenty exists alongside poverty and destitution.

Founded by Leonard Fein, editor of Moment Magazine, Mazon, from the Hebrew word for food, seeks to persuade those who sponsor large catered dinners for various joyous events — weddings, anniversaries, testimonial dinners, bar and bat mitzvahs — to share some of their lavish preparations with the needy.

The idea here is simple: Those who can afford a catered affair are presumed to be able to cut off a slice of their abundance and give it to those who are starving.

"The beauty of the idea is that it is so damn simple," says Fein. "Jews simply add 3% to the cost of their simchas and give the money to Mazon."

Fein reports that Mazon recently received a gift from someone who said: "I just dropped $30,000 on my daughter's wedding, and I feel ridiculous. For $900 more you made me feel like a mensh. Thank you."

Mazon operates almost entirely on a volunteer basis because the organization does not want its administrative costs to be excessively high. "We don't want to get into a big bureaucracy. We are just going to do it," says Fein.

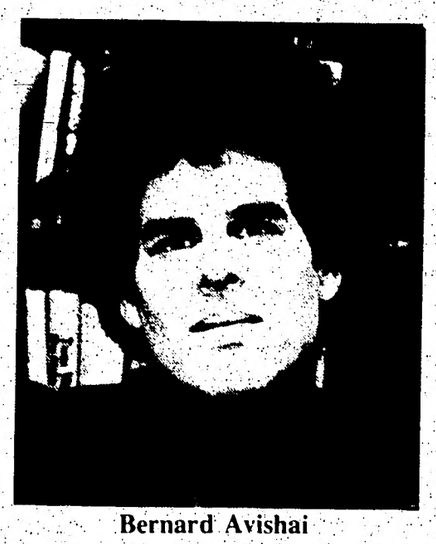
Although Mazon began only in November of 1985 it has already received more than a $100,000 dollars from the "gleanings" of various simchas — the proceeds going directly to hunger projects with good track records, such as on-the-street food programs.

Mazon started in the United States; it is an idea, however, which invites repetition in the Canadian Jewish community for there is no greater mitzvah than succoring the hungry.

Volumes on muddle in Middle East

Getting behind the headlines

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Bernard Avishai

Benjamin Netanyahu

A little summertime reading for those who want to get behind the headlines...

The Tragedy of Zionism (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $19.95) pulls few punches. Bernard Avishai, a Montreal-born professor of writing at MIT who has written on the Mideast for The New York Review of Books, ruminates on the nature of Zionism and Israel in this controversial book.

His thesis is that Labor Zionism — the ideological force which moulded Israel — ran its course long ago, that it stopped short of its liberal-democratic goals, and that recent efforts to reinvigorate Zionism in Israel have only brought Israelis "more misfortune."

Avishai says that if the West Bank and the Gaza Strip remain in Israel's hands there "will be more wars."

He argues that the occupation has stopped political reform in its tracks: Israel still has no formal constitution, no "developed" tradition of ministerial responsibility, no effective checks on parliamentary authority, and no regular or routine contact between electors and elected.

Not everyone will agree with his conclusions. But there is no doubt that Avishai is an erudite scholar from whom more can be expected in the future.

• *Israel: The Partitioned State (Collier Macmillan, $29.95)* is a political history of Israel from 1900 to the 1982 war in Lebanon. The author, a former Israeli, teaches political science at the American University in Washington. Probably best known for his book on civil-military relations in Israel, Perlmutter is the editor of the Journal of Strategic Studies.

In his latest work, Perlmutter covers a lot of ground. He begins with an analysis of the founders of modern Israel (Herzl, Weizmann, Jabotinsky and Ben-Gurion) and moves on to a discussion of the Arab challenge to Zionism and of British policy during the Mandate.

Perlmutter's chapters on Israeli politics from 1948 onward are instructive, while his chapter on the 1982 Lebanese war reads more like an indictment of Israeli policy.

The war, he says, badly shook Israel's confidence in military solutions for political problems.

Menachem Begin, in failing to eradicate the national aspirations of the Palestinians, thus failed to achieve the major goal of the invasion, he concludes.

Terrorism : How The West Can Win (Collins, $26.95 is edited by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, and brother of one of the leaders of the 1976 Entebbe rescue mission, the late Jonathan Netanyahu.

The Jonathan Institute, a private research foundation established in his memory, studies a pernicious contemporary phenomenon — international terrorism — and recommends ways to deal with it. In 1979, the Jonathan Institute sponsored its first meeting in Jerusalem, and from it emerged facts supporting the thesis that sovereign states are directly involved in terrorism.

Two years ago, in Washington, another meeting was convened. Participants, ranging from U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, disagreed on some details. But they agreed on the essentials — namely that the West is the principal target of international terrorism, and that Western nations must adopt a variety of means, political, economic and military, to fight back.

Organized into eight sections, the book deals with the relationship of terrorism to totalitarianism, Islam and the media, and with its global and specifically American ramifications.

Although it was published before the April 15 U.S. bombing of Libya, Terrorism: How The West Can Win has not lost its relevance. Netanyahu believes that the West can defeat terrorism if it can overcome two vices: "One is greed, or a heedless promotion of economic self-interest, whatever the political or moral consequences. The other is political cowardice, which means sitting it out while your ally is attacked..."

"The challenge must be answered," Netanyahu states. "The choice is between a free society based on law and compassion and a rampant barbarism in the service of brute force and tyranny. Confusion and vacillation facilitated the rise of terrorism. Clarity and courage will ensure its defeat."

Fine words. But is the West up to the task facing it?

• *The War of Desperation (Osprey, price listed in British sterling)* is yet another book on the 1982 war in Lebanon. The author, John Laffin, is a well-connected English journalist who knows the Middle East better than many of his contemporaries, and he is very much pro-Israel. He witnessed the war and interviewed some of its combatants.

Like many observers, he is of the view that, militarily speaking, the war was a success for Israel. "The political victory was less obvious, if only because the PLO was not eliminated from Middle East politics," he observes.

He agrees that the PLO fought better than expected and that the Syrian army showed marked improvement. "This might lead to a claim that the Israeli performance was somehow less impressive than in previous wars; but it is hard to understand how this claim can be pressed, given the physical facts of the Israelis' victory on the ground."

The War of Desperation, well illustrated, with black and white photographs and clear maps, is a useful volume to have around.

Know The Middle East (NC Press, price in British sterling) is also by John Laffin.

A general compendium designed for travelers, journalists and businessmen, it contains entries on a variety of subjects, running the gamut from Alawites (the sect to which Syria's president belongs) to Zionism.

As noted before, Laffin is knowledgeable. However, several of his generalizations sound appalling.

Two examples will suffice: Under the title of manners, he writes: "Arabs have excellent manners... But these good manners are deceptive... The Arab promises more than he can fulfil; he may suddenly change from composure to loss of control..."

Under trust: "It is most important for Western women to realize that they should never trust themselves to a Middle Eastern man; he sees women merely as sexual prey." Talk about sexism!

• *All Fall Down: America's Tragic Encounter With Iran (Random House, $28.75)* is probably the best book on Washington's tangled relationship with that non-Arab Middle Eastern nation. Gary Sick, the author, was President Jimmy Carter's chief White House aide for Iran during the 1978-79 Iranian revolution and the 444-day hostage crisis.

According to Sick, the Israeli diplomatic representative in Teheran, Uri Lubrani, predicted the shah's downfall more than a year before it took place. His report was never transmitted to Washington. At the same time, Cyrus Vance, the American secretary of state, was so preoccupied with Arab-Israeli peace talks that he did not devote sufficient time to building a moderate political centre in Iran composed of nationalist secular elements. If he had, Sick suggests, the radical Islamic and anti-Israel forces spearheaded by Ayatollah Khomeini might not have seized control of the government.

Both Israel and the U.S. valued Iran under the shah. As Sick says: "It was a small but important link in the complex effort to forge a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, since Israel relied heavily on assured supplies of Iranian oil and on Iran's potential diversion of growing Iraqi power away from the immediate arena of confrontation."

By being at war with Iraq, revolutionary Iran, inadvertently, still performs one of these services.

• *The Dhimmi (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press,* no price listed) is an interesting account of how the Moslem world has treated dhimmis, or non-Moslem minorities.

Bat Ye'or is an Egyptian Jew whose book was originally published in French six years ago. It should be read in conjunction with Bernard Lewis' superb, recently-published book on the same subject.

Women In Egyptian Public Life (Syracuse University Press, $29.95) will appeal to readers who want to compare the place of women in a relatively modern Arabic society with that of Israel.

Earl Sullivan, an academic associated with the American University of Cairo, says that women have come a long way, but that the majority of them still face limited opportunities in education and employment.

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Opinion

Film's director describes "extraordinary" reaction

Shoah helps young Germans to confront history

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Although the French-made Holocaust documentary film Shoah has been acclaimed in superlatives by the most respected critics since its premiere in Paris in April last year, director Claude Lanzmann derives the most satisfaction from the "extraordinary" reaction of German audiences.

Lanzmann describes Shoah as a "liberating film" for Germans aged under 50, those born either after the war or too young to bear any responsibility for the Holocaust. From Germans of this generation, he says, he has received the most "profound and beautiful" letters expressing gratitude for discovering a truth their parents could not or would not discuss with them.

Shoah which is nine hours and 23 minutes long, opened in Berlin theatres in February, and has also been shown on West German television.

Lanzmann, who was in Montreal for Shoah's recent Canadian premiere at Place des Arts, believes the process of "denazification" was never completely accomplished. Fictional accounts of Nazi extermination of the Jews, such as the TV serial The Holocaust, may have momentarily aroused the German conscience but this reaction was little more than a "flash in the pan."

"I am convinced of the collective guilt of Germans under Nazism. Everything that happened could not have happened without the consensus of virtually the entire German nation.

"The people of then were guilty, the present Germans are not. On the contrary, theirs is a different responsibility: to confront their history."

Lanzmann is a French journalist who was born in Paris in 1925. He was a member of the Resistance during World War II and holds degrees in literature and philosophy. He was a companion of such French intellectuals as Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre. Much of his writing has been on Israel, and his first film, made in 1970, was called Pourquoi Israel?

He spent 10 years on Shoah, and shot 350 hours of footage which may partly explain the length of the film. The leftovers will probably go to universities or academic institutes for preservation.

Claude Lanzmann

Obtaining financing for the film project was a constant battle. Individual Jews did help support it, but no Jewish organizations as such, said Lanzmann. The French government also contributed money.

Shoah will be in Montreal until July 31, and is then scheduled to tour Canadian cities, beginning with Toronto in September. The film is being distributed in Canada by the Saidye Bronfman Centre, in association with Les Films SMC and Creative Exposure Ltd.

It has already opened in cities throughout Europe, including behind the Iron Curtain in Poland, and the United States, as well as in Brazil and Australia. The Israeli premiere of Shoah was earlier this month. Shoah has won France's highest cinematic award, the Cesar d'honneur.

Lanzmann said he saw his task as the "incarnation" of the Holocaust — the reconstruction of this period through the testimonies of eyewitnesses from all sides, who corroborate one another. "The details are what matter... I ask no questions soliciting an idealistic or metaphysical interpretation of the Holocaust, but rather precise information on the techniques the Nazis used to kill Jews. This is a film about death, not survival."

Lanzmann does not like Shoah to be referred to as a "documentary" because it is a recreation of the past through the use of contemporary sites and persons.

Although scenes of the liberated camps piled with corpses are readily available, Lanzmann said not a single filmed document exists on the extermination process, aside from two or three Nazi propaganda films shot in the Warsaw ghetto. The Nazis sought total secrecy on the extermination, he said.

Finding former Nazis, let alone getting them to participate, was very difficult. "Every Nazi in the film is a miracle," Lanzmann said. Yet, once they were persuaded to talk they did so with a "certain pride. The Nazi period was the best part of their lives. They were young then and somebody." (The Treblinka SS man in Shoah, Franz Suchomel, is, incidentally, dead today.)

Lanzmann admits he also accuses the Poles in Shoah by leaving the viewer the impression that, while they express compassion for the deported Jews, deep down they think the Jews got what they deserved. Lanzmann shows the Polish people as utterly passive, with only the Resistance courier Jan Karski being a redeeming character.

Aba Beer, a native of the Polish town of Bielitz and survivor of the Przemysl ghetto and Lvov concentration camp, said he believes Lanzmann has captured the attitude of many Poles accurately. However, Beer thinks the opinions voiced by those in the film should be put into perspective.

"Perhaps the majority of Poles were indifferent to the fate of the Jews, some were actually pleased. There were Poles who hated the Jews, and still do some 40-odd years later."

However, said Beer, who was in the Polish underground, it must be borne in mind that, not only were there decent people, but that it was the Germans who did the killing. "This is a big difference...and I don't know if any other people would have behaved much differently than the Poles under the circumstances."

Beer, who is chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' National Holocaust Remembrance Committee and president of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression, admits he was skeptical about the quality of Shoah and the intent of its director — until he saw the film.

Beer calls Shoah "beautifully" done and required viewing for the Jewish community.

"After the liberation, the British and Americans forced German citizens to go into the camps to see what had gone on there. Shoah is long, but I think we should likewise force ourselves to see it."

Phone call to Israel will help the economy . . .

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Life in Israel is never dull or monotonous. Quite aside from the big news that makes the headlines, even ordinary, everyday incidents have their own excitement, drama, humor and sometimes tragedy. For example, from recent weeks:

Precedent — the matriarch Sarah. Social benefits for Israel's women, as listed in the regulations of the National Social Insurance, provide that a woman who receives the automatic grant for the elderly (given to women at age 60) will not thereby forfeit her right to the grant given for the birth of a first child.

With a little bit of luck. A new immigrant from England will need more than a little bit of luck to make a living in Israel — or he will have to undergo vocational retraining for a new occupation. Heretofore he has earned his livelihood as a croupier in a casino.

A spaceship is not a home. If an Orthodox Jew were to be an astronaut, would he require a mezuza on his spaceship? Rabbi Israel Lau ruled in the negative, since the craft is no more his home than a plane or an automobile.

A schuster's kinder. A loud blast shattered the stillness in Safed and at once drew a large team of police and soldiers. Investigation revealed that an electric hot water boiler had exploded because it had no thermostat safety valve. The owner of the building was quickly located at his store, which sells thermostat safety valves.

Arabs demand kosher supervision. Arab producers of meat products in Ramallah and Nablus have asked for kashruth supervision of their products to enable them to sell to the Jewish market in Israel and abroad. After initial reluctance, the rabbis came to the conclusion that the Arabs would offer their wares anyhow, and it might be better to ensure their kashruth. Mashgichim from the religious settlements in Samaria now provide such supervision.

On the other hand. Hecht's Butcher Shop in Kfar Shmaryahu specializes in pork products. He had the chutzpah to advertise special priced shopping baskets for the Holy Days. At least Hecht closes early on Fridays and remains closed on Saturdays.

It's against the law. Jaywalking or parking in forbidden areas are violations of Torah commandments, according to a safety guide drawn up for yeshiva students by a group of Bnai Brak rabbis. A rabbinical court has also ruled that observant Jews should refrain from riding with drivers who disobey traffic rules.

Underwear enters under free trade

Israel's underworld in America. The first industrial shipment from Israel to the U.S. to qualify under the terms of the new free trade agreement was a large dispatch of underwear from the Delta Hagalil textile company.

New Jerusalem record. Dr. Yair Bar-El, head of the psychiatric hospital at Kfar Shaul, reports that more tourists suffer mental breakdowns in Jerusalem than in Rome, Athens, Paris and London, cities from which he has obtained statistics. In eight cases the tourist maintained that he was John the Baptist.

All the news that fits the print. Some months ago The New York Times, reporting on Israel's emergency economic measures, declared that it involved a 18.8% devaluation of the peso.

Phone Israel and help the economy. According to worldwide arrangements, telecommunications firms transfer half the payment received for an international telephone call to the country of destination. The Israel Economist reports. Hence, those who place a business or personal call to Israel are in effect adding to the country's income.

Defending his honor. Shlomit Ozer, of Tel Aviv, in a letter to the editor of Yediot Ahronot, vigorously denied that her brother, who had been killed in a market dispute, had ever been involved in sale of illegal drugs, as reported. He had been found guilty only of robbery, she wrote.

How good? A crash course in English has been set up for members of the Knesset after it was revealed that one MK who had been sent abroad to represent Israel at an international conference, knew only two words of English which he repeated again and again at dinners, cocktail parties, conference sessions and during small talk with other delegates. The two words were: "Israel good!"

Rabbis' conventions relieve the stress

By
ELAINE KAHN

A current ongoing study on the North American rabbinate, using data on congressional rabbis from all denominations, of both sexes, at all income levels, from congregations both large and small, has shown that these rabbis all have one thing in common: a daily level of stress higher than 64% of the general public — higher even than that reported by a sample of Israeli parents who had lost children within the past four years.

The study shows that this stress has much much less to do with the personality of the individual rabbi than with the rabbinic role itself: not only being all things, all-knowing and all-comforting to all people, including his or her own family, but being part of a traditionally revered chain of great sages he or she feels eternally consigned to be, almost by definition, inferior to.

It is to relieve this stress that God created rabbis' conventions.

And children, who, at last month's (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly convention in the Catskills, were numerous, universally coddled and, local federations please note, provided with a full daycamp program.

Although relaxation was the keynote, many events paid tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Conservative movement and of its academic fountainhead and ordaining body, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Many current JTS faculty members were on hand to teach and to honor their own teachers.

The respect for the long line of teachers in our history, across denominational lines, and for those who teach among us now, was intensely palpable at times, as was the desire to continue to learn. What excited me just as much was the extent to which so many of the rabbis, congregational and academics both, looked to each other, regardless of age differences, as teachers.

I don't think the discussions ever stopped, not after seminars or over meals or on the tennis courts or in the lobby, which was also home to several intense chess games. Maybe they didn't talk over pinball — I played only two games, so can't judge.

I think I'm finally learning how to "do" a convention properly, finding just my right mix of study, socializing and gorging, aided in this last by a waitress named Pat who was everything you've ever wanted to have in a Catskills waitress and more. This year, I even made it out of the building twice, once to watch several friends lower their stress levels with a post-sauna baseball game.

Later that same night, the nightclub singer came on to the gang with "You look like a singing crowd." As chazzanim know, rabbis only pray to become singers. Had she said "big argumentative Jewish family," she'd have been closer to the mark.

And closer to what felt like the heart of Judaism in action: the intellectual passion, and need, for study and talk that I suspect many of us never even guess at during routine contact with rabbis.

Opinion

Experts focus on problem in land of liberty

America, too, suffered scourge of anti-semitism

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jews in America have prospered. No one can doubt that. A case can even be made for the proposition that Diaspora Jewry has never fared so well as in the U.S.

Yet anti-semitism, that historical, pathological disease afflicting most of mankind, has not been absent from American society. Far from it! *Anti-Semitism In American History (University of Illinois, no price given)*, which consists of essays by leading experts in the field, attests to the fact that America has not been without this scourge.

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David Gerber, the editor of this richly-researched volume, writes that American anti-semitism, having lacked governmental and constitutional sanction, has been less comprehensive and visible than elsewhere.

A professor of history at the State University of New York, Gerber points out that *public* anti-semitism has therefore been associated with demagogues and fringe elements "willing to speak out publicly against the liberal consensus."

Looking back to the 19th century, he detects the prevalent presence of negative religious and social stereotypes regarding Jews, whether in literature, on the stage or in daily social relations.

And in this century, until quite recently, Jews were vastly underrepresented in management in heavy industry, banking, transportation, insurance and public utilities. In these areas, Gerber notes, the very few Jews who managed to obtain positions did so by masking their identities or by obtaining jobs in sales, data processing and legal departments that were outside normal, management promotional tracks.

Patrician anti-semitism, associated with the old northeastern Protestant elite, has deep roots. Two strains are evident to Gerber. The first, often associated with the writer Henry Adams, considered the Jew a symbol of the materialistic forces that were reshaping their cherished Anglo-Saxon world. The second, usually identified with racist ideologue Madison Grant, perceived immigrants — and Jews — as unassimilable and as a threat to their Nordic, Anglo-Saxon culture.

No one can disagree with Gerber's thesis that the 1930s were the highwater mark of "organized, ideological" anti-semitism. The chief anti-semites of that era were William Dudley Pelley of the Silver Shirts; Father Charles Coughlin of the National Union for Social Justice; Fritz Kuhn of the German American Bund; Gerald Winrod of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, and Gerald L.K. Smith, publisher of The Cross and the Flag.

There are still fanatics in contemporary America, but, as Gerber observes, there has been "a significant decline in all forms of anti-semitism" since the late 1940s. According to Gerber, "discrimination has contracted to the point that private clubs and quasi-social service organizations remain the only realms of life where there is any consistency of restrictive practices."

Citing a 1982 survey, he says that 45% of Americans are free of any sort of anti-semitic biases, while 23%, mostly older and less educated, still cling to standard prejudices. A much smaller percentage, he adds, would sanction discrimination against Jews or vote for an anti-semitic candidate running for political office.

In contemporary America, anti-semitic politicians can only expect oblivion. But there was a time, not too long ago, when certain American politicians were not loath to pander to their constituents' anti-semitism. Edward Shapiro, a Seton Hall University historian, profiles the two most notorious ones in an illuminating essay entitled Anti-semitism Mississippi Style.

Congressman John Rankin and Senator Theodore Bilbo won national notoriety during and immediately after World War II. Yet, for all their demagoguery, they remained provincial politicians who never attracted a nationwide following.

Surprising as it may sound, both Rankin and Bilbo represented what passed for left-of-centre politics in Mississippi. The populistic Bilbo (who also served in the U.S. Senate) was a loyal New Dealer who supported the Democratic Party agenda except in race relations, while Rankin was a Progressive in the earlier phase of his career.

Rankin and Bilbo believed that Jews exercised undue influence in Washington. In 1940, Rankin charged in the House of Representatives that "Wall Street and a little group of our international Jewish brethren" were harassing President Roosevelt to declare war on Nazi Germany. Rankin's speech so agitated Michael Edelstein, a New York congressman, that he suffered a massive heart attack and died almost instantaneously.

Rankin, who equated Jews with Communists, once accused "a little gang of Yids" of dominating Communist governments in Eastern Europe. In their minds, the Jew was the ally of the Black man, an unforgiveable crime. Bilbo differentiated between the "good" Southern Jews who backed segregation and the New York "Kikes" who were stirring up trouble.

Shapiro says that Bilbo, in his jaundiced view of Jews, was never as extreme as Rankin. Bilbo's anti-semitism was a function of his anti-black racism and his belief that Jews were "nigger lovers." He always thought that the Jews, for all their apparent faults, were part of the "white race." But Rankin, he writes, approached anti-semitism with an "evangelical fervor," and was the more dangerous of the two.

Glen Jeansonne, a University of Wisconsin historian, contributes a fine essay on Gerald L.K. Smith, whom he describes as "the most notorious anti-semite of the 1930s and 1940s."

In addition to publishing The Cross and the Sword, a monthly which had a circulation of about 25,000 in the 1960s and 1970s, Smith wrote hundreds of pamphlets with titles such as Ike Eisenhower (Swedish Jew), Jews Strive for World Control, The Jew Created Communism and Zionism: The Hidden Tyranny.

Jeansonne contends that Smith — a native of rural Wisconsin — learned his anti-semitism from his parents. He was further influenced by Henry Ford's rag, the Dearborn Independent, and by *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

By the late 1940s, Smith's following had dwindled from a mass movement to "a sidelight limited to the lunatic fringe." Jeansonne attributes his precipitous decline to a strategy, devised by the Jewish community, designed to deny him media publicity.

"Although never completely effective, the strategy reduced Smith from a highly publicized public figure in the 1930s to a pariah in the postwar period."

The "silent treatment," combined with restraint in the use of militant tactics such as picketing and heckling his meetings, succeeded. Is there a lesson to be learned from this?

Richard Breitman and Alan Kraut, American University historians, contribute an interesting piece on anti-semitism in the state department.

Although their topic is hardly new, Breitman and Kraut can be credited with further exposing the snobbish anti-semitism exhibited by certain state department functionaries before and during World War II.

They focus on William Phillips, the scion of an established eastern family that included anti-slavery reformer Wendell Phillips and American revolutionary John Jay.

Phillips was undersecretary of state during the dark days of the Holocaust, when the U.S. all but shut its gates to European Jews seeking to escape Nazi oppression. As such, he was in a position to influence policy within the Roosevelt administration.

Having examined his diary, Breitman and Kraut know that Phillips was an inveterate anti-semite. He hated Jews, and brought his personal animosities into the state department.

Phillips, being a member of the Eastern Establishment, was infected by ideas that American hatemongers like Madison Grant and Prescott Hall disseminated. Robert Singerman, the curator of a Judaica library at the University of Florida, investigates these noxious ideas rather well in an essay entitled The Jew as Racial Alien.

Marcia Graham Synnott, a University of South Carolina historian, writes about another aspect of American anti-semitism — university quotas before and after 1945.

The subject she examines is rich in material. For example: Until 1950, when Princeton dropped the question on religious preference from its application form, Jewish enrollment was kept down to around 3% to 4%. At all other Ivy League schools, Jewish applicants had similar problems. Not until the 1960s were the last restrictions against Jews eliminated.

In all, there are 14 essays in this book, and the best which have not already been discussed are pieces on feminists and Jews (by Elinor Lerner), anti-semitism and the left (by Arthur Liebman) and anti-semitism on the American stage (by Ellen Schiff). The others, unfortunately, are so turgid that they defy even persual.

On balance, Anti-semitism in American History is an informative, stimulating book. It teaches us that, for Jews, the road to full emancipation and equality — tenets upheld in the constitution — has not been all that easy, even in America.

The Statue of Liberty, a symbol of freedom in the U.S., masks the extent to which anti-semitism has been a feature in American society.

Attack on "baal teshuva" condemned by Rabbi Schild

By
RABBI ERWIN SCHILD
Adath Israel Congregation, Toronto

As a member of the Jewish community, I am deeply ashamed and embarrassed by the mean-spirited attack on one of the dearest figures of Toronto Jewry: J. B. Salsberg.

Long after most of his contemporaries have passed from the communal leadership scene, J. B. Salsberg carries on. He inspires a new, younger generation of leaders with his keen intelligence and his passionate commitment to Jewish needs, with his sharp analytical perceptions, his forceful oratory, his disarming wit and his charming personality.

His energy and enthusiasm belie his age — he is 83 years young — and the twinkle in his eyes beneath the bushy brows warms the hearts.

A champion of the Yiddish language and culture, he also wields a skilful pen with humor and grace, without malice. A democrat and populist, he is cheerfully forgiven by his colleagues in leadership for his occasional propensity to be a little verbose and overly generous with his rhetorical gifts.

It was very fitting, therefore, that at the recent annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress the chairman, Ronald Appleby, announced J.B.'s appointment to the newly created position of Honorary Member of the Executive. How ill-conceived and cruel it was, that a prominent member of the community (a member of my congregation no less!), a leader in Zionism and education, lodged an objection to this tribute on the grounds that Mr. Salsberg was once a leading figure in the Communist Party of Canada!

If that were not mean and soul-destroying enough, the Jewish Times of May 30 spread this smear over a whole page. The page includes an editorial entitled "A Jewish Waldheim Scandal?" What a travesty! A picture on the page is captioned to show Salsberg as a street corner orator in the 20s. The front end of a 1960s vintage car with licence plate and the PA equipment visible in the picture brands the caption as phony, as is the whole issue.

True, J. B. Salsberg was a prominent Communist leader and MPP, and a thorn in the side of the Jewish community establishment. I personally grieve for the years and the efforts that this talented, charismatic person devoted to the service of an ideology and a political party that I and most of us deeply abhor. But Joe Salsberg was a child of his time. His spiritual odyssey was typical of thousands of other Jews who espoused Communism as the means of human salvation. Their motives often sprang from Jewish sources: a burning passion to relieve human misery and oppression and a Messianic belief in the perfectibility of human society.

According to the chronology of the Jewish Times Salsberg broke with the Communist Party in the spring of 1957. That would make it almost 30 years since he recanted his errors and rejoined the mainstream of the Jewish community. Just as I regret his Communist past, so I rejoice and thank G-d that he gave J. B. Salsberg these wonderful years of service to the Jewish community. If JB had to "redeem" himself, he certainly did. I applaud the honor bestowed on him and look forward hopefully for many more successful years in this remarkable person's active career.

Jewish morality strongly condemns dragging up bygones to embarass a "baal teshuva," a person who has overcome his past. Those mean enough to break this rule in the case of Joe Salsberg only degrade themselves. They ought to consider the Talmudic recommendation (Yoma 22b) that a communal leader suits his role best if he carries a "basket of abominable creeping creatures" on his back, for if his power inclines him to conceit, he may be reminded to look behind him. Those who try to embarrass J. B. Salsberg with sins of long ago may be well advised to take a backward glance at themselves.

Opinion

"The fuse is burning," says Herzog

Danger on Israel's "cultural" war front

By
J. B. SALSBERG

In most countries of the Middle East, or in Ireland, or in India, or in other countries that are trapped in bloody fratricidal wars, what happened in Israel on Wednesday, June 11, 1986, would hardly be mentioned by the local international media. But the occurrence in Tel Aviv on that day immediately became a top item in the world press and in the electronic media.

J.B. Salsberg

And, thank heaven, that it did so; for it reflected the world's shock that such an event could happen at all in the Jewish state.

As for Israeli society, the first dispatches from there indicated that it was shaken to its roots. The President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, (according to a story in the Globe and Mail) warned of "a violent kulturkamph between secular and ultra-religious Jews." The Israeli President is further quoted as saying: "We are atop a powder keg and the fuse is burning." The mayor of Tel Aviv warned that the situation could degenerate into "a war of brothers."

What triggered this emotional reaction? It was an act of inexcusable vandalism — an act which, according to President Herzog, was "a nightmare the devil himself could not have created."

It was an attempt by still unknown culprits to burn down a synagogue in Tel Aviv as reprisal for what ultra-Orthodox fanatics, (in no way related to the mainstream of Israeli Orthodoxy) did in recent weeks.

The immediate acts of intolerance that the fanatics engaged in was the systematic burning (or defacing) of bus-stop shelters (the kind that we have in every Canadian city) because those shelters displayed, as they do in all of North America, advertisements illustrated with pictures of scantily-dressed females. (Personally I would say that we can very well get along without such pictures.)

Fortunately, the damage to the synagogue was according to reports, minimal. The fire was put out before it could cause serious damage. But the incendiary act was, beyond doubt a misguided and dastardly act that cannot be defended, regardless of what "the other side," the religious extremists, may have done in this instance or in similar instances in the past.

The shock of this indefensible act will wear off. In fact, the Globe and Mail story reported that "ultra-Orthodox leaders said they would set up their own patrols to prevent the burning of bus shelters." Also that, "the advertising company said it would no longer display provocative posters, at least in Jerusalem."

One could, therefore, dismiss the disturbing event as just another internal Israeli flareup. But, in my view, that would be a wrong conclusion and, even more important, a totally wrong manner of disposing of the unhappy affair.

I say this because the vile acts on both sides are but symptoms of a much deeper social and cultural malaise that is gnawing away at the very heart of Israeli society. It is an ominous sign of a "violent kulturkamph (cultural war) between secular and ultra-religious Jews," that President Herzog hinted at.

Democratic, pluralistic society essential

On the basis of my personal knowledge of Israel I cannot disagree with the President who describes the threat of internecine war in these words; "We're sitting atop a powder keg and the fuse is burning."

At the heart of this alarming development is the belief of the extremist wing of Orthodoxy, of those who reject the present Jewish state and who consider it the creation of "disbelievers." This extremist band must not be confused with the Zionist-oriented Orthodox Mizrachi movement, nor even with the non-Zionist, very Orthodox Agudah movement that acknowledges and works with Israeli governments. However, the extremists often indirectly influence the rest of Orthodoxy and often neutralize that constructive branch of Jewry by intimidation, threats and reckless activities against them.

What every objective observer of the Israeli scene must conclude is that just as every Orthodox Jew in Israel must enjoy the rights of freedom and the opportunities to live in full accord with his beliefs, similar rights must also be assured to all non-Orthodox religious streams (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionists) in Israel no less than they enjoy throughout the Diaspora. Yes, and the secular sector is and should be entitled to live in accordance with its beliefs.

In other words, Israel cannot grow and prosper (if it can exist at all) without becoming, in every sense of the word, a democratic pluralistic society. The use of undemocratic (let alone force and violence) tactics by either side can only lead to counter-actions of the same reprehensible nature.

Otherwise we will split Israeli society into mutually destroying factions. If this should, heaven-forbid, happen then we shall not remain as one people but a warring camp of enemies.

The lessons of the attempted burning of a synagogue are crystal clear to all who are not blinded by prejudices and fanatical beliefs. The shocking incident in Israel a few days ago can, nay, must open all eyes to the dangerous trends that threaten the Jewish state; dangers that must be eliminated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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TERRORISTS INTIMIDATE TOURISTS

I have just returned from a vacation in Israel. Flying El Al, I enjoyed a safe, trouble-free journey.

During my vacation, I met tourists from all over Europe, both Christians and Jews. However, there was a dearth of North American visitors, which greatly perturbed me.

How intimidated we have become by those isolated terrorist acts! How faint-hearted we have become to have withdrawn both our moral and financial support by not visiting Israel!

The Israelis are not similarly paranoid. One feels safe and secure flying El Al, and visiting the country.

I would implore my fellow Canadians to reconsider their holiday plans. The people of Israel need you and would extend the warmest *shalom* to one and all.

Leonard Pentol
Saskatoon

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SQUEEZING SOUR GRAPES

Re Miriam Green's May 29 letter ("Hits 'cozy status quo' "), in which she attacks the Canadian Jewish Congress for defeating Moshe Ronen and instead electing Dorothy Reitman as president:

Green needs a lesson in democracy and should stop squeezing her sour grapes.

Harry Simon
Toronto

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WALDHEIM ELECTION DISMAYING

I'm dismayed by the indifference exhibited by most Austrians when informed of President-elect Kurt Waldheim's alleged involvement in Nazi war crimes.

They dismissed the charges by arguing, "It happened 40 years ago."

Who's to say that Waldheim hasn't the potential to follow in the footsteps of another notorious Austrian leader named Hitler?

As a point of interest, the name Waldheim means "forest home" in German, and that reminds me of a famous fairy tale.

Is the situation in Austria not analogous to Hansel And Gretel, in which two naive children are lured into a *home* in the *forest*, only to find that a witch lives inside who puts little children in *ovens*?

Pamela Cooper
Montreal

Reader praises news coverage of Jewish Students' Network Freedom Caravan for Soviet Jewry. Their cross-Canada bus, headed by Toronto activists Mimi Estrin, and Dina Zimmerman, is shown on arrival in Vancouver.

BRAVO FOR STUDENT STORY

Bravo for your June 5 front page article by Frank Rasky of the Jewish Students' Network Freedom Caravan on the arrival in Vancouver, after a 16-city, coast-to-coast journey on behalf of Soviet Jewry ("Freedom Caravan makes it").

It is this type of coverage which sparks off new excitement for Jewish issues and Canadian Jewish students along with their counterparts in the Soviet Union.

Jewish student Refuseniks, who risk their lives to live as Jews, look to us to be the voice of their struggle — one which rips at the souls of our entire people.

We want to hear more about Canadian Jewish students. And we hope The Canadian Jewish News plays an increasing role in its coverage of this exciting rebirth of Jewish student participation.

Together we will break down the Iron Curtain.

Danny Schonbuch
Toronto

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A NO-NO TO NUKES

We share the concerns about nuclear dangers to Canadians raised by Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld in his open letter to the Jewish community in your May 29 issue.

We join him in calling for a moratorium on the Darlington reactors now being built, pending a parliamentary inquiry into the nuclear industry.

We feel that nuclear plants should not be built in heavily populated areas and that existing plants should be phased out.

Surely Canadians will not wait for a disaster of greater magnitude than the Chernobyl and American accidents to realize that the very nature of the nuclear phenomenon renders it too dangerous a gamble with our health, lives and the contamination of continents.

Libby Fine
Lynda Eisen
Shalom Disarmament Group
Toronto

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BOOS "STUPID" U.S. STUDENTS

Re: the May 22 article headed "Several Jewish protesters disrupt Soviet Day ceremony at Expo":

Unfortunately, the stupid and disruptive activities of Americans who came here without our knowledge and consent totally dominated the news coverage with their silly disruptions at Expo.

They acted like a group of unruly and crude schoolchildren. They destroyed the thoughtful and peaceful effort by our own students involved in Network Vancouver to bring the issue of freedom for Soviet Jewry to the attention of the press in a serious way.

Whoever planned the U.S. student trip should be subject to a thorough review of their competence.

Rabbi Daniel Siegel
Hillel Foundation
Vancouver

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HITS "PACIFIST DRIBBLE"

I find contemptible the leftist pacifist dribble contained in the May 15 letter by the Toronto chapter of the New Jewish Agenda headed "Violence begets violence."

It is not open-minded, nor is it progressive, to condemn Qadaffi and Reagan in one breath.

It is foolish to berate the attack on Libya because it served our interest, since Qadaffi's favorite victims are our brethren.

The so-called peace process amounts to standing idly by, while the terrorists freely continue their campaign of murder and terror.

The reprisal method — as used by Israel in the fall of 1985 against the PLO in Tunisia, and by the U.S. in April — sends out a strong message about the consequences of terrorism and its promotion.

This is the message that Syria, too, is soon going to have to appreciate, lest it become the next one to learn a hard lesson.

Lavi S. Soloway
Toronto

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MIRIAM, NOT MARY, PLEASE!

Speakers on Diaspora assimilation at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress convention in Toronto neglected to discuss the sad transformation of our Jewish names into unrecognizable substitutes.

Thus Moshe becomes Martin; Gershon changes to George; Miriam to Mary; and Devorah to Dora.

Our sages tell us that our ancestors deserved redemption from Egypt because they did not forsake their names or language. That statement points to the kind of action needed to redeem us from assimilation in our time.

Gur-Aryeh Skulsky
Winnipeg

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KUDOS TO KIND CATERER

Through the auspices of your gracious newspaper, I wish to express my gratitude publicly to Toronto's Peter Graben Caterers.

In the world of business, where most are concerned primarily with the bottom line, it is certainly a pleasure to find someone like Peter Graben, whose display of kindness, efficiency and professionalism is a welcome sight and most appreciated.

If more of us were to learn that the cold world of business can indeed be infused with a sense of warmth and humanity, this would be a far better world.

Rabbi Moshe Stern
Shaarei Tefillah Congregation
Toronto

World-National

Secular-zealot violence in Israel

Special council established as strife continues

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In Jerusalem a burial society van was attacked by anti-religious elements. Religious books were destroyed in a school in Yavniel and slogans were painted on the walls of the school building and on homes denouncing the local rabbi.

Ultra-Orthodox zealots have, for weeks, waged relentless warfare on bus shelters in Jerusalem and elsewhere because of advertising posters they consider "indecent."

More than a score of arrests have been made, but secular Jews have complained that the police are not tough enough with the religious vandals. Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem in fact predicted there would be counter-violence by anti-religious extremists.

In Petach Tikva, where Orthodox Jews have demonstrated regularly during the past year against Friday night cinema performances, an illuminated map of the city was sprayed with black paint and slogans attacking secular Mayor Dov Tavori.

In Rishon LeZion, a bus carrying advertising posters was burned.

Premier Shimon Peres has been trying desperately to prevail on religious and secular elements to end the violence. Last week he and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir convened a meeting of cabinet ministers, Knesset members, the two Chief Rabbis, the police inspector-general and media representatives.

They agreed to establish a "special council to discuss controversial issues" and released a statement rejecting "with disgust the use of violence to influence decision-making or to express protest."

Peres said at the meeting that "both religious and anti-religious coercion" are inadmissible.

Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira warned that violence and the destruction of property are forbidden by the Torah.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel said the synagogue arson raised memories "of the worst experience of the Jewish people. He also condemned the attacks on the bus shelters and observed, "When a member of the Knesset condoned the spraying and even declared that he would do the same himself, this was incitement to lawlessness."

Hillel, a Laborite, was referring to a remark by Aguda Israel MK Menachem Porush who shouted that the Speaker was a "liar." This prompted Yossi Sarid of the leftist Civil Rights Movement (CRM) to call the Orthodox MK a "thug." Sarid was removed from the chamber by ushers. Hillel adjourned the session but MKs continued to hurl invectives at each other for some time afterwards.

The incident in the Knesset where raucous outbursts are hardly unknown served to emphasize a schism in Israeli society that has existed since the state was formed but has grown more serious of late.

Secular leaders, such as Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein also deplored the syngogue arson. Rubinstein protested against attempts to place religious and non-religious extremists on the same level. Whereas setting fire to the synagogue was a "despicable act of one person," there has been an organized campaign by the ultra-Orthodox against the state and its laws, he said.

Many of the religious vandals arrested for defacing bus shelters are members of the Neturei Karta sect which holds that a Jewish state established before the advent of the Messiah is illegitimate and its laws are not to be obeyed.

The new attorney-general, Yosef Harish, said that those who attack bus shelters shoud be punished to the full extent of the law. But he added that provocative posters should not be put up in religious neighborhoods. The vandals, however, have ranged far from their neighborhoods to burn or deface bus shelters.

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem is disturbed by what he sees as insufficiently forceful action by the police against ultra-Orthodox vandals. He warned that if the religious zealots are not punished, extremists on the other side would take revenge.

In a Voice of Israel Radio interview, President Chaim Herzog warned that "the recent development of extremism in the Israeli society is most alarming indeed. This is a time for us to take stock of what is happening in our society. Violence breeds violence and there isn't enough dialogue."

Soviets praise Waldheim

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his war record and remains an unrepentant Nazi participant.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, told The CJN the election of Waldheim "reflects (the Austrian people's) unwillingness to face up squarely to their past." Waldheim could not have been elected in any other country in the West, he said.

Littman stated the Centre sent telegrams to a number of world leaders, including British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, French President Francois Mitterrand and Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney urging them not to send congratulatory telegrams to Waldheim nor to invite him to each country.

Littman added the Centre sent letters to Canadians urging them to write to their MPs and to cabinet ministers to indicate "this is something people feel very deeply about."

Despite requests to the contrary, several world leaders — including Thatcher and Mitterrand — have sent telegrams congratulating Waldheim.

Mitterrand's telegram was a formality which all heads of state ususally observe towards a newly elected head of state of a friendly country, JTA reports. Mitterand's missive offered his "congratulations and best wishes for the Austrian people;" but the contents of Thatcher's telegram were not revealed.

Waldheim also received a telegram from Colonel Muammar Qadaffi, who congratulated him on being elected despite the efforts of Zionism and world Jewry.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in a commentary, praised Waldheim's record as secretary general of the UN and attacked both the U.S. and "Zionist circles" for their "unseemly enterprise" in opposing his election.

Commenting on the strong Soviet response, Littman speculated East bloc officials may have known Waldheim's war record all along, and used it to extract favorable treatment at the UN.

An editorial in the Wall Street Journal noted it was during Waldheim's tenure at the UN that "Zionism was declared a form of Nazism, and freedom of speech, capitalism and the right to emigrate were denigrated."

In Israel, Premier Shimon Peres expressed concern over "the background, the accompaniment of his election" which "were not lacking in anti-semitic characteristics."

While Israel recalled its ambassador for consultations, both Peres and President Chaim Herzog counseled caution in response to the election.

The Reagan administration reacted cautiously to the election, with White House spokesman Larry Speakes stating Reagan would send "the usual diplomatic letter to the new president" congratulating him.

At the same time, he said the justice department would continue an investigation to determine whether Waldheim should be barred from the U.S. He stressed the President "has not prejudged the allegations."

Missing childrens' photos on trucks

TORONTO —

Pictures of missing children are to be posted on more than 500 rental trucks across Canada in an effort to increase public awareness of the growing problem of missing children.

Child Find Ontario and Budget Rent a Car of Canada Ltd. have launched the joint, nationwide project that it is hoped will assist in locating missing children.

In rural areas as well as major cities, pictures of two children, one boy and one girl, will be rotated every eight weeks on the sides of Budget trucks.

The program will be financed by Budget and coordinated through Child Find and Budget's corporate office in Toronto.

Child Find is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to locating missing or abducted children and returning them to their lawful parents or guardians.

"Many missing or abducted children have been moved far away from home. Their photos are the best means of trying to locate them," said Pat Foster, president of Child Find Ontario.

"We are pleased to have this meaningful opportunity to be involved in our communities and in some way help to find these missing children," said Ross Freeman, Budget national president.

Israel's inflation rate for May a 10-year low

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The consumer price index rose by 1.6% in May, the smallest rise for that month in 10 years, but some Israelis are complaining.

The finance ministry has refused to adjust tax brackets. The 5.8% cost-of-living increase to be added to salaries payable July 1 will therefore be the gross rise, but less in net terms.

The Manufacturers Association expressed regret that employers will be forced to pay the increase without being allowed to raise their prices.

Government spokesmen hailed the small cost-of-living increase as evidence that the war against inflation is being won. They noted that less than a year ago, Israel had an annual inflation rate of 300%, one of the highest in the world. Now it has been reduced to what they called "European proportions."

Waldheim ascendancy frightens Austrian Jews

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Friendship Society and a People's Party representative in parliament, said that anti-semitism had not intensified but, rather, that existing anti-semitism has increased.

Hodik said that a rapprochement with Waldheim is impossible, since he was "the cause of the anti-semitic backlash," unleashed by World Jewish Congress allegations regarding his involvement in the deaths of Greek Jews and Yugoslavian partisans.

But Hodik said it was time for Austrian Jews to seek "closer ties" with Austrians who cast their ballots against Waldheim. Waldheim got nearly 54% of the total vote in the June 8 runoff.

Ivan Hacker-Lederer, the official spokesman of the Jewish community, admitted that Austrian Jewry at present was passing through "the toughest times" in at least 40 years. But he noted that Waldheim had been democratically elected and "we recognize this fact."

Hacker-Lederer criticized the World Jewish Congress for the way in which it exposed Waldheim's wartime activities, saying its methods had offended many Austrians. "They were certainly inappropriate and counter-productive," he said. He added that the WJC had failed to prove that Waldheim had been a war criminal.

Hacker-Lederer, 78, said that Austria's reputation as a liberal democracy had been seriously damaged by the Waldheim controversy.

Leon Zelman, head of the government - subsidized Jewish Welcome Service, which promotes Jewish culture in Vienna, said the Waldheim affair had scared the Jewish community. "He has made Jews feel that, by protesting his past, we have committed a crime against Austria."

A Holocaust survivor, Zelman said that Waldheim's ascendancy to the presidency was a tragedy for Austria — a country, he said, he loves. "Austrians have elected an opportunist, an immoral man who brazenly lied about his past. What kind of example can he set for young Austrians?"

Inadvertently, though, Waldheim has forced Austrians to come to terms with their past, or at least examine it, he added. "He tried to cover up his record, but he hasn't succeeded and this made Austrians even more aware of a dark chapter in their history."

Zelman said he was not impressed with Waldheim's recent press conference in which he deplored anti-semitism. Waldheim, he explained, should have been condemning anti-semitism during the campaign . . . and not only once.

Zelman said there could be no common ground between himself and Waldheim.

Rabbi Paul Eisenberg, the Chief Rabbi here, conceded that the events of recent weeks have prompted Jews to wonder whether they even wish to stay in Austria. "But we don't know what the longterm effects of the Waldheim affair will be. We're still in the middle of it."

The controversy, said Eisenberg, divided an already splintered community, torn by various differences. Some Jews, he explained, wanted to keep a low profile, being unsure whether the charges against Waldheim were true. Other Jews were convinced that the charges were true and had indeed taken part in World War II atrocities, and they were in favor of speaking out.

Avraham Hodik predicted that Austrian Jews, the remnant of a once great pre-war community, would survive the current unpleasantness. "The Jewish people have overcome much in its history and I'm sure we'll overcome Waldheim."

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Organizations and People

Federation members asked to undertake programs

Municipalities call for race relations committee

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Establishment of a national advisory committee on race relations was among a number of recommendations unanimously approved and adopted at the recent 49th Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities held at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

The recommendations were contained in a report by an FCM Task Force on Race Relations and presented at a policy session on the last morning of the conference.

Presenting the report, Controller Frank Faubert of Scarborough, task force chairman, said that although his group had completed its mandate, the FCM should continue its efforts to improve race relations and to this end, he continued, "there's a recommendation to the board of directors for the establishment of a national advisory committee on race relations."

The report is the result of a study by the 5-member task force established at the 1984 FCM annual conference following a report of the House of Commons Special Committee on Visible Minorities in March, 1984.

The task force was created to find what actions have been taken by municipalities to date and to assess and develop recommendations for future actions.

Faubert said later he was "delighted" by the unanimous support for the report, and York Alderman Ben Nobleman was among several delegates who congratulated the Task Force "on a job well done."

While the federal and provincial governments have been active for some time in multicultural and race relations policy, "municipal involvement has been quite recent," notes the report. Municipal action in this field is justified, believes the task force, because recent research has shown that "the average Canadian citizen identifies most with the municipal order of government."

The task force recommends that the FCM urge its member municipalities to undertake programs to increase the participation of racial and ethnic groups in local government structures, processes and programs; encourage the promotion of non-discriminatory policies and practices within the municipality; help racial and ethnic groups that have been harmed by prejudice and unfair treatment; promote non-discriminatory policies and practices within the federation and develop a continuing liason with ethnocultural organizations and human rights bodies from across Canada.

The report further recommends that municipalities report regularly to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Multiculturalism on progress in municipal race relations; encourage member municipalities engaged in international twinning to involve local ethnocultural groups in the selection process and radical and ethnic understanding in the community.

Establish a continuing national clearinghouse of information for municipal race relations committees; maintain a technical advisory committee to assist the Task Force in the development of a long-term program and to assist member municipalities interested in developing race relations programs; and to seek additional financial support from the federal government for the development of long-term programs to promote race relations.

Education campaign launched on kids, drugs

TORONTO — A free public service on drug abuse and kids is being launched across Canada by Shoppers Drug Mart. In the interest of educating and informing consumers about the abuse of drugs among children and teenagers, a series of pamphlets will be distributed, free of charge, at all Shoppers Drug Mart stores.

Your Kids and Drugs — Spot It/Stop It are well-researched and timely brochures which have been prepared to educate parents to respond intelligently to their children's questions on drugs.

The pamphlets inform parents how to recognize if their children are using drugs, how to ween them off drugs, and how to keep their children drug-free.

The brochures also provide the latest medical facts on marijuana, alcohol, cocaine, and other commonly abused drugs.

A valuable list of references and additional sources of information are also included in these brochures.

Martin Belitz, vice president, professional services at Shoppers Drug Mart, believes that these brochures will be helpful not only to parents, but will also be read by their children.

Shoppers Drug Mart is initially distributing a total of six different drug brochures, and is also introducing a series of brochures on aging.

Consumers can pick up these free pamphlets at the CHEC (Consumer Health Education Centre) stands in the dispensary area of Shoppers Drug Mart stores across Canada.

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Friday, June 20

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

At a special Oneg Shabbat following services on Friday evening, June 20, the congregation of Holy Blossom Temple will be saying "thank you and goodbye" to **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and her husband **Baruch Browns** prior to their departure for Boston. The rabbi assumes her duties as spiritual leader of Temple Beth David in Canton, Mass., in July.

Services begin at 8.30 p.m. Rabbi Goldstein will speak on Thanks for the Memories.

Saturday, June 21

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed invites you to join in a special Shabbat service on Saturday, June 21, conducted by Jewish Theological Seminary student **Allana Kanter** of New York. Services begin at 9.30 a.m. in the Haifa Room, 3rd floor, 788 Marlee Ave. (at Lawrence). For information, call **Shawn** at 782-1840.

Mrs. Kanter will also conduct a study session on the Book of Ruth at 4 p.m. at 761 Briar Hill Ave. RSVP by calling **Trudy** at 781-1847.

Sunday, June 22

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

Beth Emeth Young Married Couples Club invites you to come to its first annual barbecue on Sunday, June 22. Call **Gail Copeland** at 636-4090, evenings, for details.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

Bargains galore are to be found at the annual garage sale held by Club Dafna, Na'amat Pioneer Women on Sunday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 622 St. Germaine Ave. (Bathurst-Lawrence area).

There's sure to be something for everyone! All proceeds go towards child care.

CHORALAIRS CONCERT

The Choralairs of North York present the annual closing concert on Sunday, June 22, from 2.30-4.30 p.m. at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard). **Esther Shiner**, North York deputy mayor/comptroller, will once again be master of ceremonies. Admission is free.

Featured will be a fund raising raffle at $1 per ticket offering chances to win such prizes as weekends, dinners and brunches for two, theatre tickets and much more.

Join the Choralairs for an afternoon of song and sing along with them. For more information, contact **Judy Gordan** at 851-8821 days or 221-3161 evenings.

BONDS' IMPORTANCE

Chief of the Israeli mission for the European Economic Community, Israel's ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, Joseph Hadass, discussed the importance of Israel Bonds to the economic development of Israel at a Beth Tzedec reception in honor of Jules Surdin. From left are Joseph Kerzner, Tribute chairman; Hadass, Alex Grossman, Bonds general campaign co-chairman; Marilyn Light, Beth Tzedec Israel Bonds chairman; Jules Surdin, honoree; Marvin Miller, Beth Tzedec chairman of the board, and Donald Carr, dinner chairman. The Tribute Dinner takes place on Sept. 25. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

IDF MEMBERS VISIT

The Warshaver Lodzer Society held a Sunday morining meeting in remembrance of the Holocaust and also to celebrate Israel's 38th Independence Day. The society hosted two young members of the Israel Defence Forces (from left, back row) Lieut. Uri S. of the Israel Air Force and Lieut. Emmanuel A. of the Paratroopers. Front row (from left) are Menachem Oziment of Israel, and director of overseas fund raising for Soldiers Welfare Association; Gordon Mendly, chairman for organizations, SWA; Morris Zoltak, president, Warshaver Lodzer Society; Reuben Tencer, member of the society, and Irving Matlow, Toronto chairman, Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel.

Monday, June 23

SHALOM TORONTO

Volunteers for Shalom Toronto greet newcomers to Toronto in their (newcomers') homes and help them integrate into the community. There's an orientation session for volunteers on Monday, June 23, at 7.30 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Join the growing ranks of Shalom Toronto volunteers from all over the world and help a newcomer get aquainted. Phone Shalom Toronto at 635-2883.

Tuesday, June 24

HAMILTON ORT LUNCHEON

Hamilton Women's ORT annual Scholarship Luncheon takes place Tuesday, June 24, at 1 p.m. at the home of **Cece and Herb Schreiber**, 304 North Shore Blvd. E., Burlington. Guest speaker is **Meri Saguy**, wife of the consul-general of Israel.

In celebration of Mother to Another, the focus is on social assistance — $25 for one month, $150 for 6 months and $300 for a full year.

Luncheon is $10. RSVP by calling **Gloria Wasserman** at 529-1316, **Moira Gillies** at 639-4330 or the library at 528-1668.

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AKIM LUNCHEON

Canadian Friends of Akim is having its annual luncheon at the home of **Louise Cornblum**, 50 Park Lane Circle, on Tuesday, June 24, at noon.

Proceeds will go to help support mentally retarded persons in Israel.

Wednesday, June 25

MINI BAZAAR

Wednesday, June 25, is the date of the mini-bazaar run by Upper Canada Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women. The time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard).

Thursday, June 26

CANADA - USA FREE TRADE

At the Thursday, June 26, meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, the guest speaker, Canadian labor leader **Bob White**, president of the UAW of Canada will speak about Canada - USA Free Trade.

Meeting takes place at 8.30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107, Downsview. The public is invited and admission is free.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Summer Israeli folk dancing will be held outside on the patio at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., for six weeks starting Wednesday, July 2. Teaching begins at 8 p.m. with request dancing at 8.30.

For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

A SERIES ON MACBETH

To introduce its summer production of **William Shakespeare's** Macbeth, Skylight Theatre is offering an entertaining and informative series entitled Everything You Wanted to Know About Macbeth...But Didn't Know Who to Ask.

On Sunday, June 20, there will be a film presentation of Macbeth from 2-4.30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre.

On Tuesday, June 24, a lunch time series will feature a selection of Skylight Theatre's actors and designers from 12.15-12.50 p.m. and 1.15-1.50 p.m. The presentation will take place in the small park on Beecroft Ave., just west of North York city hall. In case of rain, meet on the ground floor of the city hall under the hanging sculpture. Bring your lunch.

On Wednesday, June 25, there will be a morning presentation in Earl Bales Community Centre from 9.30-11 a.m. designed for senior citizens, parents of children enroled in the North York Tiny Tots program and all other early birds.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Macbeth is presented by the Skylight Theatre in cooperation with North York department of parks and recreation. Admission is free!

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Jewish Vegetarian Society will be celebrating Canada Day, Tuesday, July 1, with a pot luck picnic at noon at Martin's Health Manor, Gormley, Ont. (Leslie and Stouffville Rd.), weather permitting. Bring a healthy parve non-dairy vegetarian dish to serve 6-8 people. Also, if you play a musical instrument, bring it along.

Facilities include a nature trail, pond, tennis courts and more. Charge is $2 members, $3 non-members. For further information, directions and to RSVP by June 27, call 222-7218 or 223-3914.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

On a recent Friday afternoon, Netivot HaTorah Day School's grade 3 class participated in a special Oneg Shabbat program at Baycrest Centre. The 21 students represented the school at Baycrest's opening ceremonies in honor of Senior Citizens' Month.

Accompanied by music teacher **Charles Heller** on the accordion, teacher **Suzette Tanen** led the children in a medley of Israeli songs. Then, while refreshments were being served, the students mingled with the residents, lending a personal touch to the occasion.

The event was a great success and Netivot HaTorah was invited back to visit Baycrest Centre.

COLLECTIBLES—GIFT SHOW 86

Toronto Women's ORT is holding Collectibles and Gift Show 86 at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Space is still available for vendors. For information, call the ORT office at 787-0297.

CAN YOU HOUSE A YOUNG ATHLETE?

Maccabi Canada recognizes the importance of developing today's as well as the future's Jewish youth and does so by organizing the North American Maccabi Youth Games Aug. 15-21.

If you would like to help the children, call **Barbara Lampcov** at 636-1880, ext. 232, and tell her that you will house a young Jewish athlete or two.

CAMP KADIMA/USY

Aug. 21-28 Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth will be holding its annual 1-week encampment at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont. If you are entering grades 5-12 and would like to spend a week in a Conservative Jewish environment, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, at 789-0579 for further information and applications.

Programs include water-skiing and other water sports, land sports, kosher meals, arts and crafts such as kipot making, and much more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a rewarding experience? Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver hot meals to the elderly in various areas in Downsview. Drivers or runners who are able to help any weekday from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. would be very much appreciated. Gas allowance will be paid to drivers.

Call Downsview Services to Seniors at 633-9519 if you are interested.

BEAUTIFY NORTH YORK AWARDS

In order to recognize the special contributions North York property owners and tenants make to improve the exterior appearance of properties and buildings, the City of North York Council has established the Beautify North York Awards.

The awards will be given in three categories: Commerce — office buildings, retail stores, shopping centres, hotels and motels; Industry — plants, warehouses, workshops and storage yards, and Institutions — government buildings, hospitals, schools, clubs and associations.

The deadline for entries is Oct. 15. For more information, call **Larry March** of the North York department of economic development at 224-6475.

VOCAL MASTERCLASSES

The Metropolitan Opera's **Joan Dornemann** will be in Toronto June 19, 20 and 21 for a vocal masterclass of Italian and French repertoire. Associate conductor, coach and prompter at the Metropolitan, she is also artistic director of the Minnesota Opera in Minneapolis.

The masterclass, under the auspices of the Ann

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Summers Resource Centre for Career Performing Artists and sponsored by Imperial Oil and the Ontario Arts Council, provides the artist with an overview of his/her performance, an evaluation of talent and marketability.

For information, call the centre at 362-1422.

OUTDOOR DRAWING & PAINTING

The outdoor drawing and painting classes with instructor **Harriet Brav-Baum** offer you an opportunity to learn at your own pace without pressure whether you are a novice or an experienced painter. Classes are held on location in Metro Toronto on Wednesdays 6-8 p.m., June 25-July 30. The cost for the six sessions is $35.

For details and registration information, call 488-1769.

SUMMER LUNCH BREAK SERIES

This week the Manulife Centre Summer Lunch Break Series presents sculpture and canvas with artists **Anne Devitt** and **John McCartney** on Tuesday, June 24; Craig and the Cruisers, a 50s and 60s bebopping revival trio on Wednesday, the 25th, and patchwork wall hangings by **Marie-Josee Danzon** on Thursday, the 26th.

It all takes place in the Manulife courtyard at Bay and Bloor from noon to 2 p.m. There is no charge.

STUDENTS: BE A VOLUNTEER

Are you having trouble finding a job this summer? Volunteer work can give you that needed work experience. The Volunteer Centre has many opportunities for North York teenagers to work in summer camps, at hospitals, with handicapped children and in swim programs.

Time commitments vary, so if you have some spare time this summer and would like to help, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

NATURAL LIVING CONFERENCE

The 38th annual international Natural Living Conference takes place July 19-25 at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ont. The week will include educational lectures and workshops on such topics as the role of food in health recovery, natural childbirth and childraising, AIDS demystified, the healing power of your body, fasting — what is it, and when to do it, health freedom issues and more.

Invited guests include Fit For Life authors **Harvey and Marilyn Diamond**.

For information, call the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society at 781-0359.

singles

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Total Living Mature Singles group is having a general meeting Sunday, June 22, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). A delightful program is planned featuring humorist **Bert Levy**. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members.....The trip to the Granit Hotel in the Catskills is Aug. 17-24. If interested, call **Esther** at 783-9435.

Beth Tikvah Chai Group invites singles 35 plus to a barbecue supper on Sunday, June 29, at 7.30 p.m. Enjoy a social evening in the comfort of a private home. Advanced payment and reservations are a must by June 20. Cost is $8 members, $10 non-members. Call **Barbara** at 494-5516 or **Rose** at 226-1854.

Ready to Love Again is the topic that **Georgina Nash** will speak on at the lecture-meeting at the **JCC Valley Singles Centre**, 7015 Leslie St., at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Georgina has taught groups in Encouragement and the Raising of Self Esteem. Charge is $2 members, $3 non-members. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

Due to circumstances beyond control, **Metro Toronto Singles** Network and Dance party on Tuesday, June 24, has been moved from Ruffo's to Dreams, which is two doors away at 51 Eglinton Ave. E. (one block east of Yonge). From 7-9.30 p.m. there will be a business network on the theme Success and How to Achieve It with a special guest speaker. After 9.30 p.m. there will be dancing. Door prize is dinner for two. Cover is $6. For more information on this event, the September singles weekend, trips such as to Israel, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

A "No Frills" dance will be held Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m. at the Dunfield Club, 110 Eglinton Ave. E. (near Holly St.). No Frills means no fancy theme. It does, However, mean great music, good dancing and a chance to meet lots of people within a beautiful setting. Cover is $5. Call **High Society** at 446-1394.

The Young Professional Club invites all singles and single parents to register for the house parties and introduction service. For information, call **Sheldon** at 783-7666.

Enjoy a round robin and dance at the **JCC Valley** on Sunday, June 29. Play tennis from 7-9 p.m. (bring your own tennis equipment) and then at 9, dance to the mellow sounds of the disc jockey, nosh on light refreshments and enjoy! For the dance only, come at 9 p.m. Charge is $4 members, $6 non-members. For information, call **Jodi** or **Sally** at 889-0813.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a June Super Singles party on Tuesday, June 24, at 8.30 p.m. at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge). Cover is $6. Door prize is dinner for two at Le Connaisseur.

for seniors

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In celebration of Senior Citizens' Month, a group of residents of **Baycrest Terrace** will host an intergenerational picnic for a group of children from Baycrest and Ledbury Public Schools on Thursday, June 19, from 1.30-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

The JCC Singers, a choir of amateur seniors affiliated with the Jewish community Centre, will next entertain seniors at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue on Sunday, June 22, at 11 a.m. New members who wish to participate at future performances are welcome to join by just coming along to rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221 of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

There will be music and dancing, exercise programs and health information, baked goods and crafts, and special discounts at **Seniors Showcase 86** running at Scarborough Town Centre June 19-21. Check the Central Court for the program of events.

On Monday, June 23, at 1 p.m. **Club Chaverim** of the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., is presenting a yoga session. Admission is 50c. Call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813 for more information.

The **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, takes place Sunday, June 22, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program meets Monday, June 23, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The **Self-Help Widowers Program** for men over 55 is set for Wednesday, June 25, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be the first to see the golden monkeys from China! As part of Senior Citizen's Week, seniors are invited to A.W. Miles Day at the Metro Toronto Zoo on Thursday, June 26, from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (last admission 6 p.m.). This free day includes chartered bus transportation from Scarborough Town Centre (opposite Market Court entrance, second level. Look for the balloon), free passage within the zoo, upon availablility, on the Zoomobile (weather permitting) and monorail plus a complimentary beverage, courtesy McDonald's. For further information, contact **Pat McCarthy** at the zoo at 284-8181, ext. 259.

The JCC senior adult services department is planning a 3-day trip to Agawa Canyon in the fall. You are invited to view a film, have refreshments and learn more about the trip on Thursday, June 26, at 1 p.m. in the Good Age Lounge of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.

Square dancing begins Monday, June 30, from 7-9 p.m. on the outdoor patio of the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $10 for nine sessions. There are only 10 spaces left. Contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

On Thursday, June 19, you will find bargains galore at the rummage sale run by **Saranac Social Club**, 3174 Bathurst St. (just north of Lawrence). Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Citizen's Month activities include an action-packed day of dancing, games, entertainment and a barbecue at Earl Bales Community Centre on Tuesday, June 24, beginning at 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Admission is free, with a small fee for refreshments. Rain date is June 26. Register by calling 224-6256.

On Sunday, June 22, **Baycrest Centre** residents will give a special Senior's Month performance for family and friends in the Abe Posluns Auditorium from 2-3 p.m.

Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver hot meals to the elderly in various areas of Downsview. Drivers and runners who are able

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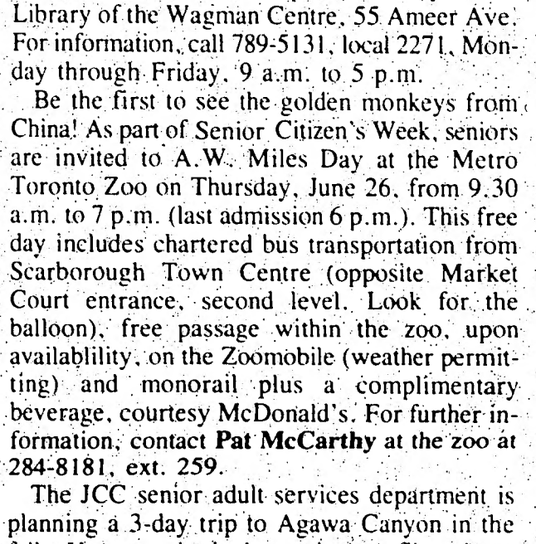

BC RABBI

Geoffrey Haber (right) of Richmond, BC, was ordained as a rabbi by the Rabbinical School at the 92nd commencement exercises at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City recently. He is currently an intern to Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath of Highland Park, NJ.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood presented its 36th annual Humanitarian Award to Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander (right). With him (from left) are Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations; Alderman Ben Nobleman, of the City of York, and Mrs. Alexander.

SAGUY HONORED

Cecily Peters (right), national president of Hadassah-WIZO, and Myrtle Coopersmith, president of the Toronto Council, present a plaque to Gideon Saguy, Israel consul-general in Toronto, in appreciation of his four years of service in Canada. Presentation was made at a meeting at Beth Tzedec.

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to help any weekday between 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. would be very much appreciated. Gas allowance will be paid to drivers. Call **Downsview Services to Seniors** at 633-9519.

A reminder that the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., is holding an open house Thursday, June 19. Seniors from the community are invited to find out more about the programs offered in creative arts and the greenhouse. The time is 1-4 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club closing meeting takes place Monday, June 30, at which time you will be entertained by the Chai Dancers. Lunch is at 12.30 p.m. and you can look forward to a super afternoon....Although no more meetings will be held until the fall, all programs will continue — folkdancing on Mondays 10.30-11.30 a.m.; drama and choir on Mondays 1-3 p.m.; painting on Wednesdays 1-3.30 p.m.; dancersize on Thursdays 10.30-11.30 a.m. and on alternate Thursday afternoons current movies will be shown.....The trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills is being very well received. Make your reservation soon. Call **Lena Sugar** at 785-5773.

Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, is holding its annual bazaar on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It features hand-crafted items, home baked goods, a flea market, a tea room, a refreshment booth, bingo games and much more. The low admission price of 50¢ includes a chance on a door prize. Local dignitaries and personalities will participate in the official ceremonies at 2 p.m.

Come see and buy the works of local painters, potters and other crafts people at the first annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on Tuesday, June 24, at Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. Items will be on view starting at 10 a.m. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. Come early and practice your bidding. Rain date is June 26. If you have any items you wish to donate to the auction, call 633-6444. This event is one of Senior Citizen's Month special activities.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is holding an Early Summer dance on Saturday, June 21, at Earl Bales Community Centre from 8-11 p.m. There will be a live band and a raffle. Refreshments will be available. Admission is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.....Join in the fun of rummycube every Thursday from 1-3 p.m. with **Joe and Ida Salsberg**.....For information about Earl Bales Seniors' Place programs, call **Pearl** at 636-7856 Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A series of four lectures on Stepping Stones to a Creative Way of Life will be presented on four Tuesday afternoons from 1.30-3, beginning on June 24 with Communications with **Estelle Altman**, consultant in family relations and organizational development. This will deal with talk, talk, talk....Is anybody listening? Do I listen? Do I hear? Who listens to me? The series continues on July 8 with Understanding Stress with occupational therapist **Frances Schwartz**; July 15, Leisure with educator **Debby Vigoda** and July 22, Relationships with family life educator **Eleanor Miller**. Lectures are open to the public. Admission is 50¢ members, $1 non-members. Coffee will be served. For further information, contact **Barbara Gonick** or **Suzanne Lando** at 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 plus and on your own meets on Thursday, June 19, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker **Bunny Bergstein** will talk on Financing, Money Management and Investments. Come and meet new friends.

The Health Information lecture on Thursday, June 26, features **Dr. Michael Gordon**, geriatric specialist and author, who will discuss How to Get the Best Out of Your Doctor. The time is

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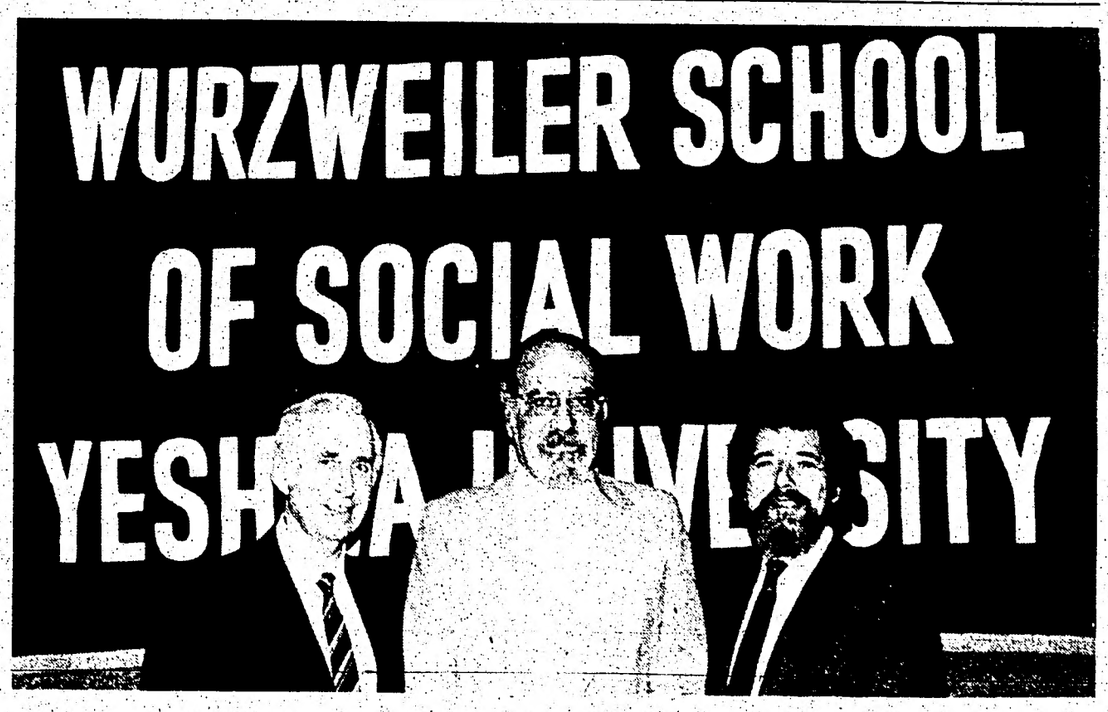
FEATURED AT NA'AMAT TEA

Convener Mollie Colvin, in the background, watches as couturier Jack Ritche and his assistant Vivian Ritche, put the finishing touches on one of the model's outfits, which was shown at Club Ilana and Club Masada Fashion Show Tea, held recently.

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Drs. Henry and Ruth Sky Shykoff (2nd and 3rd from left) hosted a membership brunch, sponsored by the Tikvah and Toronto Chapters of the Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc. With them (from left) are Ronna Goldstein, fund raising chairman; Karen Green, fund raising co-chairman, Ellie Burns, fund raising co-chairman, and guest speaker Dr. Sheldon Wise, a pediatrician who treats a number of patients in Toronto. [Ben Lechtman photo]



BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCE

Michael Benjamin (right) of Toronto's Park Memorial Chapel Corporation served as program chairman representing the Jewish Funeral Directors Incorporated of America at the 11th annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Bereavement and Grief sponsored by Yeshiva University. With him are Dr. Herbert Dobrinsky (left), Yeshiva's vice-president for university affairs, and Dr. Lloyd Setleis, Samuel J. and Jean Sable, professor of Jewish family social work at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

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1.30 p.m. in the synagogue. Health lectures are open to all interested individuals. Admission is free for members, $1 for non-members.

The Sunday afternoon program on June 22 presents **Ian Silbert** at 2 p.m. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

Singer **Susan Baskin** will be featured at the Wednesday afternoon social on June 25 at 1.30. After the entertainment refreshments are served. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

About People

HOLY BLOSSOM ASSISTANT RABBI

Rabbi David Azen and his wife **Margot**, who is a composer and lyricist working in advertising, will be arriving in Toronto on July 1 when Rabbi Azen takes up his position as assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple.

Rabbi Azen, who has just graduated from the New York School of the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC — JIR), holds a BA degree in religion from Princeton University and a Master's degree in Hebrew literature from HUC — JIR.

As a rabbinic student he served as a chaplaincy intern in hospitals, as a delegate at conferences on Jewish — Christian relations at the Religious Action Centre in Washington, DC, and has published several articles.

MT. SINAI CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

At recent elections held by Mt. Sinai Cemetery Association **Norman Bolter** was elected president with **David Pinkus** as 1st vice-president, **Gordon Donsky** as 2nd vice-president, **Maurice Kerbel**, treasurer and **John Wallace**, secretary. Trustees are **Arthur Tannenbaum, Emanuel Don** and **Sam Englander**.

WORLD BIBLE CONTEST

Ari Finkelstein, 15, who is graduating this month from Bialik Hebrew Day School, has recently returned from Israel where he competed in the World Bible Competition. As winner and Canadian champion of the 1985 Bible contest here, in the grade 7 and 8 day school division, Ari was one of the 27 finalists from around the world to participate in the contest in Israel. He placed 11th.

On top of all that, Ari recently won 1st prize in the Hebrew-Yiddish division of the Jewish essay contest sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education with an essay written in Yiddish. In addition, he was president of the student council at Bialik and a member of the school basketball team.

Ari is the son of **Mindy and Mel Finkelstein**.

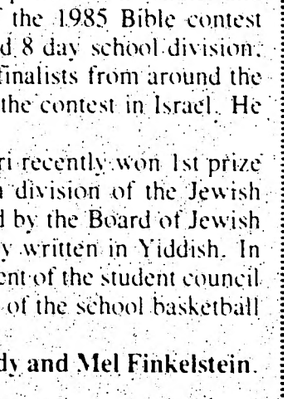
BETH TIKVAH EXECUTIVE

At the annual general meeting and elections held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue recently, **Isaac Silverstein** was elected to serve his first term as president of the congregation. Other officers are: **Harold Shapiro**, 1st vice-president; **Steve Farber**, 2nd vice-president; **Irwin Fefergrad**, 3rd vice-president; **Cliff Waxman**, treasurer; **Marlene Axmith**, secretary, and **Murray Urowitz**, immediate past president.

In other elections, **Heather Shapiro** became president of Sisterhood and **Leonard Sadinsky** was chosen president of the Men's Club.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

The appointment of **Rabbi Abraham Soffer** as educational director of Associated Hebrew Schools, effective Aug. 1, is announced by **Henry Koschitzky**, school president. Rabbi Soffer brings to the school almost 30 years of experience as a Jewish educator in various American centres, most recently in New York.



Rabbi Soffer

A graduate of the Mesivta Talmudical Seminary — Torah Vodaath, where he received his smicha (ordination), Rabbi Soffer obtained a BA degree from Brooklyn College, majoring in education and Hebrew and a Masters degree from Yeshiva University with a major in history. He also graduated from Hertzliah Teachers' Institute.

At Associated, Rabbi Soffer will be responsible for the administration and supervision of the school's educational program serving over 3,000 students with a professional staff of over 200.

Founds innovative religious community

Oleh gives aliya success recipe

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — You can't approach aliya like you do Macy's or Gimbel's department stores, Rabbi Nachman Bulman told a recent meeting of Tehilla, an organization encouraging and supporting religious immigrants to Israel.

Sheldon Sper, newly chosen president of JIAS, Toronto Region. See story, page 7.

At a department store, Bulman explained, you give the store something, and they give you something in return. In Israel, you have to be prepared to give, and get back exactly what you have put in — and sometimes not even that, he said in the lecture sponsored by Tehilla and Sharrei Tefillah Synagogue.

Bulman moved to Israel from the United States 12 years ago. In 1979, he founded an innovative religious community in the town of Migdal Ha-Emek, in the Galil. The community, called Kiryat Nachliel, has grown to 70 families, including professionals, Torah scholars and small businesspeople.

He is proud to have also attracted some Sephardi and Russian families, drawn by his philosophy of creating a sense of belonging.

For a long time it was felt that immigrants had to assimilate completely into existing Israeli society, the Rabbi said. This produced, besides a loss of precious historical and social traditions, some of which are only being rediscovered now, a breakdown of personality that frequently led to the failure of the immigration attempt.

Cites nobility, heroism in Israel's population

Bulman feels that it is absolutely essential to find a community with the same values and philosophies that the immigrant has, one that he can be comfortable in, whether it be chassidic, modern Orthodox, or "balabatish."

He told the audience that the return has always been a vision to the Jewish people — not an abstract fantasy, but a spiritual force that he believes made the Jews indestructible.

Between 1967 and 1973, there was a flood of immigration, even from the affluent West. That flood is now a trickle, a situation that "even the Israelis want to do something about."

Besides the economic and political crises following the Yom Kippur War, there was a moral crisis, a loss of an inner idealism, both in the secular and the religious segments of society.

Nevertheless, Bulman notes, there is still a nobility and heroism in the population, and related anecdotes showing generosity of Israelis and what he called the "true nature of the Jewish people."

"The longer we live in the galut, the less our real soul can come out," he said.

The unveiling of a monument
to the beloved memory of the late
MARGARET BELICK
mother of Ruth Charney,
will take place on
Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
(Shaarei Tzedec Section)
Relatives and friends are all invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument
in memory of the late beloved
CHARLES GOLDLUST ז"ל
will be held
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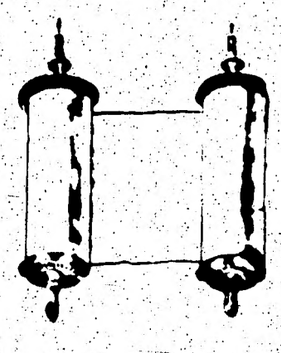

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Naso

We have to have derech eretz (respect) for our bodies. It's a mitzvah to take care of our health.

Before the saintly and ascetic Chacham Tzvi passed away, he ordered that they bring him a cup of vintage wine. He explained: "I want to make peace with my body which I denied so much to in my lifetime. . . ."

Taught Reb Naftali of Rupschitz: "Meebsarcha al titaleim — from your own flesh and blood do not hide. . . ." This means that a Jew should not hide from his own flesh, his own body — not make it suffer, deny itself. . . .

But today we eat too much, drink too much, smoke too much and take too many drugs and chemicals.

It is a sin to smoke — to pollute our lungs.

It is a sin to eat ourselves into sickness.

* * *

Blessing comes from mitzvahs and Torah.

This week's portion contains the beautiful Birchat Kohanim — the blessings that the priests bestowed on the Jewish people: "The Lord bless you and keep you!"

Comments the Song of Songs: "Behold Solomon's bed! Sixty valiant men surround it, of the valiant of Israel!" (Song 3:7)

Who were the 60 valiant heroes? Explains the Medrash: These are the 60 letters of the priestly blessing, that form a protection for the Jewish people!

Every letter of the Torah guards a Jewish neshama from harm. . . .

* * *

But the blessing comes from us.

Asked the Dubner Maggid: When the priests rise up to bless, they face the people. But blessing comes from Heaven, so why don't they face heavenwards when they recite the blessings?

He explained in a parable: A son sinned against his father, and was driven from home. He wandered the streets hungry and broken, until the neighbours were so moved to plead with the father to take him back home.

Answered the father: "You are truly moving in your pleas, but you are speaking to the wrong person. I have plenty of love for my child. But please, pleas — use your powers to get my son to change **his** ways so I can receive him home, so I can shower him with blessings."

Does God need kohanim to lay blessings on the Jewish nation? Does He need a broker? A middleman? But the kohanim turn to us and plead — "Jews, bring blessings on yourselves! Mend your ways!

What are we doing to ourselves, we Jews? How can we hurt each other so? How can we call each other names? How can we hate? How can we hurl stones and shame ourselves?

Yivarechicha! May God bless you! It's not in the plural. No. Yivarechicha! One blessing! May God bless you, the Jewish people, as one — Yachid! United! Strong!

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We must stay young, healthy, and blessed.

Reb Israel, the Maggid of Kuznitz, reached a ripe old age, despite the fact that he was weak and ill all his years.

"How did you survive?" he was asked.

Answered the saintly Maggid: "A person is taken from this world only when his mission in life is over.

"I have never let myself be finished. When I ended one goal, I immediately set out to do new mitzvahs, to serve God with new fervor."

What a beautiful world this is — always young, always lovely. How good it could be for all of us. With just a little bit of peace, with a just little love. Shabbat Shalom.

Proceeds to Jewish education

Winnipeg dinner to honor Blye

WINNIPEG — Committees in Toronto and Los Angeles are garnering support for Jewish education in Winnipeg through a Sept. 14 dinner here honoring award-winning TV writer-producer Allan Blye. A Jewish Education Trust Fund will be launched at this Dinner for Jewish Education in the city's Convention Centre.

Blye's two brothers, Gary of Toronto and Sid of Los Angeles, are chairing the effort in their respective cities. The Toronto committee includes Paul Morton, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Sarah and Al Waxman and Perry Fosmond. On the Los Angeles committee are Rabbi Terry Cutler, Len Fosselman, Monty Hall, Bernie Lavitch, Steve Martin, Charles Powell, Rob Reiner, Sharon and Aster Thompson.

The Jewish Educational Trust will be administered by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba as a permanent endowment fund, designed to establish a capital base, the income from which will be used for the support of Jewish education in Manitoba. All contributions for the Education Trust will be retained in perpetuity as permanent capital. Only the investment income will be used for Jewish education.

Allan Blye

The trust is being created to ensure that quality Jewish education is maintained in future years, and it is intended that an ever-increasing capital pool will generate income annually for Jewish education generally.

Those wishing to honor Allan Blye by contributing to the Jewish Education Trust Fund should mail checks to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba at 202-370 Hargrave St. Winnipeg, R3B 2K1. For those who wish to attend the dinner, tickets, $100 per plate, may be purchased from the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education at 25-370 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, R3B 2K1.

The 48-year-old Blye, a native Winnipegger, now living in Encino, Calif., will be honored and "roasted" by a galaxy of top names in comedy entertainment for his contributions as singer, cantor, and as a writer and producer for major TV shows and specials, both in Canada and the United States, and for his dedication to the cause of Jewish education in Winnipeg over the years.

Celebrities Steve Martin, David Steinberg, Rob Reiner, Al Waxman, Red Buttons, Jackie Kahane, Bob (Super Dave) Einstein and Herschel Fox will attend.

In 1958 Blye started a 9-year stint working in Canadian television, moving to Toronto to replace Robert Goulet who had been called to Broadway to star in Camelot. He also served during those years as full-time cantor of Toronto's Temple Sinai.

He now serves, in addition to his heavy TV commitments, as cantor for the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles. For the past 12 successive years, he has returned to Winnipeg to host the Winnipeg Hebrew Schools Lottery, helping raise over $1 million.

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Bathurst Lawn Cemetery
(Wierzbniker Section)
Relatives, members and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument
in memory of the late beloved
MRS. ANNA DEITEL ז"ל
will be held
Sunday, June 22, at Noon
Roselawn Cemetery
Adath Israel Seciton
Family & Friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument
to the beloved memory of the late
JACOB GUTTMAN
will take place on
Sunday, June 22, 10 A.M.
at Bathurst Lawn Memorial
Zaglembier Society
Relatives & Friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument
in memory of the late beloved
HILDA LIKWORNIK
will be held
Sunday, June 22, 11 A.M.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Beth Torah Section)
Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Seeing others benefit provides satisfaction

Commitment to Jewish causes fills Small's life

One of the nine "Women of Valor" honored by State of Israel Bonds recently was Mirial Small, who is profiled here. This is the 5th in a series on the honorees.

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By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Community involvement seems to be in Mirial Small's blood.

She's held almost every position in the Hadassah-WIZO organization, from chapter member to national president. As head of the organization, she logged a lot of air miles, flying as far afield as Regina and Medicine Hat on the prairies to Halifax and St. John's in the Maritimes, to develop and maintain smaller communities' ties to Israel.

She was a founding chairwoman of of Women's Division of United Israel Appeal of Canada, formed during the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

And she's been involved on the boards of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, United Synagogue Day School and the Jewish Family & Child Service — in short she's given generously of her time out of a sense of commitment to Jewish causes.

But looking back on her many years as a community volunteer, Small, 63, doesn't feel she's really made all that great of a sacrifice. Quite the opposite, in fact. She says she's garnered an "inward, selfish satisfaction" from seeing the fruits of her labor, and those of other women, benefit others.

And at the personal level, Small is conscious of changes within herself. "You develop new skills, try things you otherwise wouldn't have attempted and take advantage of the wonderful support system women develop among themselves," she says.

Small, one of Israel Bonds' nine Women of Valor, involved herself with Hadassah-WIZO "as a medium through which I could express my feelings for Zionism."

That was back in 1952, when she was pregnant with her first child. But even before that, sitting at her parents' feet, she first developed her commitment to Zionism.

"My father was a farbrente (highly committed) Zionist," she recalls. He was also one of the founders of B'nai Zion, the first Zionist organization in Canada. That was a time when "my father was called a mishuganer, always raising money for what people considered a futile dream.

"People tend to forget that, to take Israel for granted, especially young people," she says.

Her mother was also a Zionist, but not as outwardly active, since in those days, for most women a woman's place was in the home.

Starting as a chapter member, Small showed quickly she had lots of energy. She remembers the times early in her career when she would have to wait until her children were put to bed before beginning to write speeches so they wouldn't feel deprived of her attention.

And once the children were settled in she would head out for meetings and discussions, some of which doubled as social occasions, since many friendships were forged through Hadassah-WIZO.

As she became more active and her horizons expanded, she eventually began considering a move for the top position as president.

That surprised Small herself, since "I never ever saw myself as local president let alone national president."

Small credits her late husband, Dr. Allen Small, with giving her the support to reach for the top. "He shared all my interests and he really encouraged me," she recalls.

Dr. Small, a highly respected dermatologist, shared her community spirit, serving on the boards of United Jewish Appeal, United Synagogue Day School, the Beth Tzedec and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

He also served as president of the Toronto Zionist Council, a time when the couple were referred to as "Mr. and Mrs. President," Small recalls fondly.

Together, they had two daughters, Anita and Fern.

Small credits her parents with instilling in her and her siblings, a commitment to Zionist goals.

Once, it was working to support creation of a State of Israel. "I don't see how you can live through the Holocaust and not see the urgency for the Jews to have a homeland," she says.

Mirial Small

"And now that it's there, you can't just accept it as being there. The quality of our peoplehood is what we have to think about now, not just survival."

Small continues to be involved. She is still president of the Aviva chapter in Hadassah-WIZO, and she traveled to Nairobi, Kenya as editor of Orah Magazine, the publication of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, to take part in the UN conference on women.

She's also busy working with young women in leadership training to develop the next generation of Hadassah-WIZO leaders.

Looking back on her community involvement and the commitment instilled by her parents in her and in her brothers and sisters, Small isn't surprised at her career. "It would have been a greater surprise if I hadn't been involved," she says.

Prayer, joy commemorate Jerusalem Day

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The old were there, those who knew a world without an Israel.

The young were there, those who could not even remember when Jerusalem was a divided city.

The community was there to give thanks together for the reunification of the holy city 19 years ago.

Yom Yerushalyim (the day the old city of Jerusalem was recovered during the Six Day War) was marked recently with a solemn service and joyous celebration at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Sponsored by Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Canada and Bnei Akiva of Toronto, the event attracted several hundred guests who came to show their gratitude with prayer and music and dance.

"I have only one word for what happened in 1967. Yerushalyim was liberated and that is the word that should be imprinted on your hearts forever," Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel told the audience in the synagogue's sanctuary.

"Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people not only in the political sense but in the spiritual sense," he said.

"If we are not able to work for this, to pray for this, then I don't know if diplomacy and politics and wars will be the solution.

"Without aliya, without a bigger and stronger Israel, the Jewish people may be in peril again," said Saguy.

"May there be peace within your walls; This is really the message that strikes us so strongly today when there is no peace in your land," said Kurt Rothschild, national president of Mizrachi.

"Where is the religion we expected to flourish in Israel?" asked Rabbi Moshe Stern. Many have become disenchanted because Judaism has not thrived as expected.

"But the wheels of God are turning. We have to have a little more patience. Tomorrow will come and Torah will return," he said.

After brief addresses by Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director of Mizrachi, Michael Fortinsky representing Bnei Akiva, Danny Barron, and Gilad Deutsch, Cantor Chaim Weiner, a former IDF cantor, led the Maariv service.

The celebration was made complete when the assembly moved to the social hall to sing and dance to the music of the Simcha Orchestra and listen to a D'var Torah by Rabbi Yosef Avior, head of Yeshivat Or Chaim.

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Larry Grossman (centre), leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative Party, is seen with UJA Eye-Opener attendees Jeff Mauckley (left) and Gary Goldberg. [Graphic Artists photo]

Insights into political career

UJA forum hears Grossman

TORONTO —

The leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative Party expressed his views on a number of political issues and provided some insight into his own political career at a recent United Jewish Appeal Eye-Opener breakfast.

Larry Grossman, with jacket off and easy humor, touched a number of bases expressing his views on provincial funding of separate school education, the fundamental differences between the major political parties of the province and gave his insight into the province's fiscal situation.

He highlighted bits and pieces of the greening of his own entry into politics, paying homage to his father-mentor Allan Grossman, one of Ontario's first Jewish parliamentarians.

Conjuring up his childhood years, Grossman told over 125 people at the early morning forum of the Grossman den which was lined with framed photos of his father's associates and aquaintances. At the centre of this melange was a picture starkly out of context — that of a human bone lying in the sands of the Auschwitz death camp. It was placed there by the senior Grossman, said his son, as a reminder that the family was first and foremost, Jewish.

Grossman was the third speaker to appear before UJA audiences since the Eye-Opener series began last October. Frank Zappa and Ben Wicks spoke at earlier sessions.

Jewish war vets receive high praise

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish veterans drew high praise from Maj.-Gen. Bruce Legge at the annual dinner of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada commemorating the D-Day invasion in 1944.

"The Jewish veterans must be commended for their valor, gallantry, loyalty and service on behalf of Canada and all the Allied forces," said Legge at the dinner held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

"They fought for the same principles 40 years ago in Europe as they do today in Israel — for peace and survival," he added.

Legge said 429 Jewish soldiers were killed, 208 wounded and 196 were decorated for acts of gallantry and distinguished service.

Post Commander Sam Pasternack, who chaired the proceedings, said the "glory of our veterans will never fade. We are here today because thousands are not here with us — their dreams were never realized.

"On June 6, 1944, Operation Overload began and the invasion of the allies in Normandy was the beginning of the end of the Nazi machine. D-Day broke the Nazi stranglehold in Europe," said Pasternack.

"Thousands of Allied troops perished in the murderous fire on the beaches. They fought, they bled and they died. And we are here to commemorate their heroism as Canadians and as Jews," he said.

Among the head table guests were federal MPs John Oostrom and Bill Attewell; Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations; North York Controller Norm Gardiner; Toronto Police Chief Jack Marks; Lieut.-Col. Peter Brown, Canadian Armed Forces Downsview;

Monsignor Ken Robitaille, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral; Lyle van Ravensway, American Consul; Ingmar Soderstrom, consul-general of Sweden; Col. Joshua Bar-Am, Israel's representative for the Jewish National Fund; and Rabbi David Monson, chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of Toronto.

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Hebrew show caters to Israelis in Toronto

By
ELI RUBENSTEIN

TORONTO —

The Israel Today Radio Show, a weekly Hebrew broadcast, is a recent addition to the many ethnic broadcasts found on the Toronto air waves.

Produced and hosted by Israeli born Shimon Zer-Aviv, the show, on CKMW 790 AM Sundays from noon to 1 p.m., was established to cater to the more than 20,000 Israelis living in the Metropolitan Toronto area.

"When I came to Toronto four years ago," he said, "I was surprised to find there was no Hebrew radio show in a city with so many Israelis."

Zer-Aviv, a writer for the Israel Shelanu newspaper, an American-Israeli publication, said he decided to expand his journalistic horizons and contribute to a Hebrew program broadcast from Oshawa.

The platform and producer of the show went through some changes and Zer-Aviv was elevated to the position of producer and host.

"I had two hours a week to work with," said Zer-Aviv, "a lot of ideas and a big job ahead of me to produce a respectable show."

What has evolved from his determination and past experience as a sports announcer with Israel Radio, was a well-rounded show including a news spot direct from Israel, a sports corner with updates on European and Israeli soccer scores and a wide array of popular current Israeli music.

As the show gained momentum and listeners features were added such as the Nostalgia Corner, musical golden oldies, and interviews with Western and Israeli celebrities.

"I wanted to attract all types of listeners," said Zer-Aviv.

"I felt the show must not only play progressive Israeli rock for the young listeners but must also look into our rich history as Jews and uncover some of our forgotten past."

So as not to limit the show to a Hebrew audience an English-speaking host, Avrum Rosensweig, shares the microphone with Zer-Aviv.

Rosensweig, a journalism student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, does news in English, introduces songs and various features and often will do an interview with an English-speaking guest.

"Shimon and I work well together," said Rosensweig, "but things can get kind of sticky sometimes when Shimon asks me a question in Hebrew and I don't understand what he's talking about."

The show has recently moved out of Oshawa and into Brampton, and along with the move came a 1-hour cut, because of the station's limited air time. Israel Today has joined the ranks of 13 other ethnic shows the station broadcasts.

Zer-Aviv is not certain of the number of listeners he has but he does know more and more people are asking for advertising time and information about future shows.

"The Israel Today Radio Show may not be as popular yet as the Cosby Show but we'll get there," said Zer-Aviv.

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Organizations and People

Audience moved by get problems

Symposium stresses urgency of divorce issue

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The time for action on the religious divorce issue is now, according to participants in a recent symposium on get (the Jewish writ of divorce) held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The program, sponsored jointly by the Toronto Committee on Get and the Jewish Women's Federation, began with an emotion charged dramatic reading, written by singer and TV personality Batsheva Avery, the president of the Toronto Committee on Get, and performed by actress Marilyn Lightstone.

The presentation, the painful story of a woman's frustrating attempts to obtain a religious divorce, was a composite picture of many problems faced by women in the situation. The audience of nearly 200 was visibly moved.

Judy Gwartz, president of the Jewish Women's Federation, told the audience that while new provincial legislation has been enacted, it is important for the community to understand the current situation and know what still remains to be done.

A Jewish divorce must be given and received voluntarily, said Shayna Kraveta, vice-president of the Toronto Committee on get, who chaired the meeting. She took the place of Chaviva Hosek, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Kravetz explained that if a get is not executed, a man may, after a lengthy procedure, remarry but a woman cannot, and, if she does remarry, any children born of that union are considered illegitimate.

New York Rabbi Irwin Haut said that since the 11th century, when it was decreed — and accepted — that a woman could be divorced against her will, no changes have been made to the Jewish marriage and divorce laws.

It is ridiculous to say that Jewish law cannot be changed — rabbinical authorities here and in Israel must be pressured to do so," said Haut, himself an Orthodox rabbi.

The new Ontario legislation requires spouses applying for, or responding to, an application for property division or financial support to complete a statement saying they had "removed all barriers . . . that would prevent the other spouse's remarriage."

There are, unfortunately, limits to the new law, said Susan Fish, MPP for the provincial riding of St. George. If a husband does not want a civil divorce, a woman still has no recourse. Secondly, the law is not retroactive, and women who already have their civil divorce cannot be helped at this time.

"You must educate and pressure rabbis, legislators, lawyers and the public as to what the situation is," she said.

Attempts are being made to change the Federal Divorce Act, and pressure must continue to be applied to all those involved, said Fish.

Noted Montreal writer, teacher and feminist activist Norma Joseph said it is necessary to pursue a policy of applying social and economic pressure on recalcitrant husbands, by isolating, ostracizing and embarrassing them.

"They must be denied membership and leadership roles in community organizations, refused high holy day seats and denied all synagogue honors," she said.

York University Professor Leo Davids told The CJN that rabbis should raise the issue in their premarital interviews with brides and grooms.

"This is not a fringe problem," warned Davids, who has done extensive research on the status of the family in contemporary society. We can expect that 30-40% of couples marrying now will divorce." He intends to try to include the get issue in the curriculum of the Orthodox Marriage Preparation Course with which he is involved.

Principal participants at a Get symposium at Shaarei Shomayim include (from left) Judy Gwartz, Rabbi Irwin Haut, MPP Susan Fish, Shayna Kravitz and Norma Joseph.

Meet inspiring for BB Women

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Dozens of women report they were inspired with "new confidence and goals" at a recent leadership training conference of the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada.

"It was fabulous," enthused Penny Krowitz, the national service organiation's coordinator of member services.

"Everyone went home feeling very energized and revitalized with new plans and ideas."

The 7th bi-annual Spring Training Shabbaton Conference — held May 30 to June 1 in the Thousand Islands resort area of Gananoque, Ont. — featured workshops and other events to enhance and teach leadership skills to organization members.

There were also Shabbat services led by female members, presentations of about 40 awards and a special keynote address by Marcia Glassel, vice-president of B'nai B'rith Women International. Glassel, from San Francisco, updated the crowd on the organization's activities in the United States.

At the end of the conference, resolutions were presented by the public affairs committee and ratified by the more than 100 participants from Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Winnipeg to urge the Canadian government to:

- continue its efforts to help Soviet Jews;
- continue public education on domestic violence as well as take action to deal with the problem;
- stop admitting Libyan student pilots into the country;
- reconsider policies involving the approval and distribution of certain drugs in Canada.

The group also agreed to write the Vatican, asking it to recognize the State of Israel.

Krowitz says the mood was one of "warmth and excitement" throughout the conference.

"It was a learning experience in which chapter women were able to meet chapter women from other cities to discuss their programs and share their ideas, their successes and their frustrations.

"It gave them confidence and new skills to go back to their chapters and work even harder to fulfil the aims and goals of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada."

A number of awards were given out.

The B'nai B'rith Women of Winnipeg chapter won two of the top ones. One was the Eric and Esther Exton Israel Award for the chapter's "parcels to Israel" project. The other was a fund raising crest awarded for raising the most funds of any Canadian chapter. The money goes towards BBW's community support services and its group home for mentally disturbed adolescents in Israel.

Other tributes included the 1985 all-round programming award which went to the Montreal chapters of Balfour and Chai.

The Thornhill, Ont. chapter of Elan was recognized for having the most outstanding new community service project. Its project involved work at the Yellow Brick House, a battered women's emergency shelter in Aurora.

Also honored was Idella Herbert of Toronto's Eglinton chapter. Herbert was named Volunteer of the Year for her "untold service hours" to BBW.

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Ocopnick credits efforts of many

Ontario UIA contributions reported up 15-20%

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Contributions to United Israel Appeal of Canada Ontario Region are 15 to 20% higher overall for 1986 than 1985, the executive director of the region reports.

Ben Ocopnick says the spring and summer campaigns conducted in some 16 of the region's 26 communities have been uniformly successful.

Plans for the fall campaigns will be finalized in September when the annual general meeting of the region and the national UIA meeting will be held, Ocopnick adds.

He credits the success of the campaigns to the assistance of the national office and Walter Hess, national executive vice-president.

"This spring the campaigns have gone very well thanks to the dedication of the chairmen and their teams and the leadership in Ontario," says Ocopnick.

"David Steinberg, chairman of Ontario Region, has managed to visit many of the communities to bring greetings from the region, and to bring the message of Israel's needs. The assistance of Barney Harris, national field director, has been exceptional.

"Sharon Hochberg of Windsor, chairman of the women's division, Ontario Region, has been in continual contact with the leadership of the various women's divisions."

Ocopnick also praised the efforts of Yossi Glatt, assistant to the chairman (Avraham Avihai) of Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, who spent four weeks campaigning in the region.

Glatt, who recently returned to Israel, addressed most campaign meetings and covered hundreds of cards by telephone, says Ocopnick.

"He obtained increases of 20-100% from contributors, and has motivated previous non-contributors to give meaningful contributions by his warm approach and the message he brought from Israel."

Glatt, a Toronto native who made aliya in 1951, said that his experience with the campaigns shows the value of UIA in binding the people in small communities with Israel.

The campaigns began this year with a visit by French actor and former concentration camp inmate, Robert Clary, to Kitchener and St. Catharines, says Ocopnick.

"These functions were the best attended in both communities since the Yom Kippur War because of Clary," Ocopnick adds.

In St. Catharines, the women's campaign was led by Judy Hershberg and Eleanor Lambert. The men's, by Lazar Cartu, David Shapiro, Kelly Granek and Miles Hershberg.

This group, mostly from the Ontario Region, participated in a UIA small communities leadership mission to Israel in April.

Contributions may be as much as 40% higher because of the atmosphere created in the community by Clary, says Ocopnick.

Sheila and Ben Newman of St. Catharines hosted three functions at their home for (the women's campaign) top givers, canvassers, and the professional and business division.

The men's campaign pushed ahead by its "prime motivator" Lazar Cartu, was conducted on a person to person basis, "the most effective method of fund raising yet," says Ocopnick.

In Kitchener/Waterloo, "the largest campaign of the non-structured communities," the women's drive is being led by Joyce Strauss; the men's by Howie Budd.

In Niagra Falls, chairmen Dr. Bernard Blackstein and Larry Cohen organized a breakfast meeting addressed by Barney Harris, and will improve results by 15% over last year, says Ocopnick.

Owen Sound, led by Mike Rabovsky, was one of the communities addressed by Yossi Glatt, and will also realize a 15% increase, according to Ocopnick.

In Oshawa, the women's division (chaired by Bailah Burns and Joyce Glazier) listened to an address by John Grauel, a Christian minister who had been on the ship Exodus.

The men's campaign has been overseen by Dr. Isser Dubinsky, Dr. Ted Glazier, Dr. Steven Gold, Hersh Nichols and Wilf Stemeroff.

Ricky Cherney hosted an evening featuring an Israeli dinner and an address by Yossi Glatt for the small community of Peterborough. Chairman Joel Moldaver and his wife Marnie told the group of their experiences on a UIA mission to Israel.

After a meeting at the home of Dr. Ben Henry and his wife in Brantford, chairman Ben Kanter and his team are now in the process of canvassing community members.

Ocopnick and Glatt went out to Chatham for a "face-to-face" meeting with the 14-family community and chairmen Murray Berman and Orville Gold. The community will surpass last year's contribution, Ocopnick says.

A face-to-face approach was also successful in Stratford, (chaired by Dr. Ralph Goren) and resulted in a 25% increase over last year, Ocopnick reports.

The community of Beamsville, led by John Furedi, "has managed to make provisions for Israel to receive a large sum of money through our projects department, and also obtain contributions from the few families left in the area," Ocopnick notes.

Port Colborne/Welland is led this year by Gordon Blake, Gina Blake and Libby Dwor. Sault Ste. Marie is chaired by Frank Richardson; Cornwall by David Kaye, and North Bay by Martin Brown.

"The prognosis is a miniumum of a 15% increase as a result of a more personal canvassing approach," Ocopnick predicts.

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Senior citizens urged to keep active in society

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Senior citizens must become and remain actively involved in society if they are to retain their self-esteem, said psychologist Ralph Shedletsky, president of the board of Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, at a session at the Association of Jewish Seniors annual conference in Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

To those who ask why they should now get mixed up in politics when they can finally sit back and reap their rewards, he explained that in today's youth-oriented culture it is necessary to have some control over what is happening to you, to lobby for shelter, medical care and government allowances.

Speaking as a psychologist who has had 10 years of experience working in a hospital with primarily depressed, non-functioning older people, he maintained that there is a lesson to be learned.

"It is important to have self-esteem, to contribute and be recognized as a valued member of society no matter what your age or stage...or you become an empty shell without purpose and satisfaction in life."

Senior power will grow, he said, as seniors begin to challenge themselves and satisfy some fundamental needs of their own.

"Your interest, knowledge, experience and humanity, are needed to guide the younger generation in its decision-making activities. Senior power is you, the person beside you, and the next one over!"

Association of Jewish Seniors president Belle Orson responded to Shedletsky's question, "Why should I get involved?" with her personal credo.

"I get more out of it," she said. "You get up, you get dressed, you go out, you're with people. It's wonderful! Otherwise you sit and look at the refrigerator."

She outlined the conference resolutions including: encouragement for the expansion and coordination of home support, community based services; urging the government to improve quality of care, and safety, in long-term facilities; support for universal medicare and the ban on extra-billing by physicians; reforms to the Ontario drug benefit program; adequate income security; sufficient affordable and subsidized housing for those in need, as well as a continuation of rent controls; opposition to free trade; support for a pollution free, safe environment and finally, a decision to speak on behalf of universal disarmament as the first step toward world peace.

Ronald Van Horne, provincial minister for senior citizens' affairs, told a conference audience of 200 that senior citizens want to live in their own communities and own homes as long as possible and, if they have to go into institutions, are insisting on quality care which will enable them to live with dignity.

Reviewing the steps leading to the recent release of the government's white paper (CJN June 12) on senior citizens, Van Horne said a series of meetings with representatives from 14 major umbrella groups including the Association of Jewish Seniors, was held in downtown Toronto first.

"We didn't want to dictate," he said. "We wanted to listen, to understand, and try to improve seniors' services."

Van Horne also traveled throughout the province seeking input from doctors, nurses, therapists and counselors.

Working with Murray Elston, minister of health, and John Sweeney, minister of community and social services, he discovered that most seniors are not talking about health matters and in fact, "are quite well, thank you."

At session of Association of Jewish Seniors conference, (left to right): Monte Kwinter, Dr. Ralph Shedletsky, Belle Orson, Murray Elston.

He found that they would like to talk about housing, transportation, adequacy of income, income support systems, trusteeship, and guardianship. However, he said, a decision was made to tackle health first and proceed to the other concerns.

With Elston and Sweeney, Van Horne completed the white paper blueprint, adding that it will be a first, both in definite plans and implementation.

Asking for assistance from seniors, Van Horne said: "We don't want Queen's Park to be remote. I encourage you to take the white paper report, read it and be prepared to implement it."

(The plan is available through his office, 965-1702.)

Van Horne recalled Premier David Peterson's pre-election determination to speak out for seniors and said, "Now he is putting his money where his word was."

His own ministry, devoted to seniors, presents "a role not duplicated in any other jurisdiction in Canada, to the best of our knowledge," he observed.

Among the guests at the session were Toronto Jewish Congress vice-president Charles Diamond, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and York Mayor Alan Tonks.

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Organizations and People

Three Endowment Fund principals are shown at podium during Update 86. They are Gordon E. Cooper, chairman, Professional Advisory Committee; Morris B. Kaufman, honorary co-chairman of EF; and Wilfred Posluns, EF chairman.

Tax seminars for Jewish professionals

Update 86 proves popular

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
If you tried but were unable to reach your lawyer, accountant or life insurance underwriter on June 4, chances are he or she was attending Update 86.

It was wall-to-wall people at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's main hall as close to 400 professionals came out for the 8th annual Update tax seminars organized under auspices of the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund - Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund.

The program, which began at 9 a.m., was chaired by Gordon E. Cooper, who heads the Professional Advisory Committee.

Under the broad title — Impact of sweeping budgetary changes and legislative reforms — a sampling of topics covered included the Family Law Act, capital gains exemptions, impact on taxpayers and planning opportunities, income splitting and how business can make use of the charitable foundation.

Wilfred Posluns, Endowment Fund chairman, spelled out the underlying purpose for the annual seminars in a brief address: "These seminars not only provide valuable information, but opportunities for Jewish professionals to meet and share experiences.

"We also believe that through these auspices some of you will be inspired to help your clients to think of communal goals in their financial planning."

Posluns explained that the basic goal of the Endowment Fund is to strengthen the community by developing a central communal fund outside of the annual UJA campaign, "to ensure that local services and education and welfare programs in Israel will be carried on in the years ahead."

The day's program participants included Ruth Mesbur, Sheldon H. Goodman, Aki Chencinski, Harley Mintz and Wolfe D. Goodman.

Shul offers summer courses

TORONTO —
Beth Tikvah Congregation is offering a number of adult summer courses to the community free of charge June through September, beginning June 24. Instructor will be Rabbi Abraham Feder, the congregation's former spiritual leader, visiting here from Israel.

Moral Perspectives within the Jewish Tradition: Biblical and Rabbinic Sources examines the moral legacies of Judaism and their sources. This is given Tuesday evenings 8.30-10 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. on June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 19, Sept. 9, 16.

The Jewish Experience Through Modern Literature looks at Jewish life through stories by Shmuel Agnon, Isaac Singer and A. B. Yehoshua. Time is Wednesday noon to 1.30 p.m. June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Sept. 10, 17, at the synagogue. Babysitting and lunch will be available.

Jewish Law and Modern Ethical Problems examines traditional responses to specific ethical questions. Time is noon to 1.30 p.m., downtown, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 14, 21, Sept. 11, 18. For locations, phone the synagogue office (416) 221-3433.

For more information and registration, phone the synagogue office.

Eitz Chaim should act for unity, says Kerzner

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The unique place that Eitz Chaim School occupies in the Orthodox community, allows it to declare "a protest against the escalating inclination in Toronto towards a fragmented and polarized community," says Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue, this year's recipient of the school's Torah Heritage Award.

Speaking to a capacity crowd at the school's 60th annual dinner at Torath Emeth Synagogue, Kerzner said that Eitz Chaim should be proud that it reaches out to all Jews. That, however, is not enough, he believes.

"We must reach out against the temptations of modern society — against the philosophy of consenting adults, alternate lifestyles and abortion on demand," the rabbi said.

Restraint and self-discipline must rule our lives; not hedonism and self-indulgence, he stated.

Rabbi Baruch Taub, of Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill, introduced Kerzner, praising him as "someone whose whole life is Torah." Taub presented him with a plaque and a silver chanukiah.

Yitz Feldman brought greetings from Toronto Jewish Congress, the Board of Jewish Education and the Orthodox Division Kashruth Council of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region — all bodies in which Rabbi Kerzner is involved.

Feldman spoke with pride, as co-president of Eitz Chaim, of the achievements of Eitz Chaim graduates such as Judy Sigler and Phil Alter, both now active in communal affairs.

Greetings were also brought by Torath Emeth Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, who conveyed regards to Kerzner from the Toronto Vaad Harabonim. Kurt Rothschild presented with a plaque honoring his commitment to Israel Bonds.

Hebrew principal Rabbi S. K. Weinberg spoke about new programs in the school including Talmud classes for fathers to enable them to study with their sons, a boys' choir, and a tehillim program in which both boys and girls classes will, on request, recite portions of the Book of Psalms for anyone in the community needing special prayers.

Weinberg special presentations to students Miriam Berkovich, who will represent Canada at the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem in May, 1987, and Ittamar Posen, who came first in the Canadian Bible Contest division reserved for children from Israel.

Halachic discourses given by students Sara Miriam Friedman and Yehoshua Perlman were warmly received by the audience.

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Operating in the red

JCC financial statements don't bring smiles

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Jewish Community Centre continues to operate in the red, its annual meeting was told recently.

Financial statements released at the meeting showed a 1985 excess of expenditures over revenue of $286,277, and projections are for a $325,000 shortfall in 1986, reported outgoing treasurer Sam Helfenbaum.

The total debt of the JCC stands at approximately $2 million, Helfenbaum stated.

Helfenbaum, delivering the "bad news" before about 50 board members, officers and onlookers, attributed the shortfalls to drops in membership in the three years prior to 1985, though he said the total membership has now stabilized.

Revenue takes a drop

Financial statements show revenue from membership fees dropped from $2.548 million in 1984 to $2.454 million in 1985. The JCC's membership stands at approximately 14,000.

A special study committee has been struck to investigate the JCC's financial situation, Paul Brownstein, JCC executive director, told The CJN following the meeting.

The committee will audit the Centre's programs, look at its budget process and recommend ways to operate more effectively. The report is expected in August.

Brownstein noted the JCC has no fat to cut from its annual expenses. "We've been cutting staff and costs — tightening belts — for years," he said.

The JCC would look at ways of increasing income, though not by raising fees, Helfenbaum reported.

Brownstein told The CJN one potential source of income was from a grant from the Ontario ministry of tourism and recreation. The JCC applied for the grant to upgrade facilities, with a special emphasis on the women's locker rooms, he said.

Helfenbaum told the meeting a fund raising campaign will be launched shortly, chaired by Wilfred Posluns, to meet the JCC's financial difficulties.

He also noted that $333,000 in interest from the JCC's endowment programs was allocated in 1985 to help make payment on the Centre's ongoing debt.

The Centre's endowments are valued at $1.8 million, of which $1.4 million is for the cultural endowment program and the balance is in the sustaining fund.

In other Centre business, an unopposed slate of candidates was elected to the JCC's board of directors and as officers.

Chairman of the board is Hersh Fogel, and Bernard Kamin remains president.

Vice-presidents are Harold Green, Sam Helfenbaum, David Perlmutter and Richard Lorie. Alan Zender is treasurer and Virginia Solomon is assistant treasurer. Jack Siegel becomes secretary, Sid Greenberg, assistant secretary, and Harvey Dorsey is honorary counsel.

In the president's address, Kamin stressed leadership and balancing the budget as major areas of importance for the Centre. He noted the appointment recently of new senior professionals such as Bloor branch director Harold Cipin and Northern branch director Paul Soren and he called on the JCC to "develop a power base" in the community.

Bernard Kamin

Kamin described the mandate of the special committee, chaired by John Wahl, which will investigate the Centre's priorities and budget allocations, saying it was necessary to put the Centre's financial house in order.

He noted the application to the provincial government for a grant "to help upgrade the facilities." They must be improved, he said, adding the JCC is in a competitive business and it must continue to compete "or fall by the wayside."

Turning to external financial sources, he referred to the funds allocated by Toronto Jewish Congress and the United Way, and he noted the good cooperation between the JCC and those agencies.

(In 1985 the JCC received $360,687 from the United Way and $314,146 from TJC, according to financial statements released at the annual meeting. The 1984 figures were $340,271 and $321,280 respectively.)

Kamin referred to the increased community awareness over the past years of the many programs run by the JCC, and he pointed to the Toronto Centre's international reputation which was enhanced as a result of the recent JWB Biennial convention, hosted by the Toronto JCC.

He stated the JCC was continuing its attempt to attract youth, and he pointed to a joint JCC-Maccabi Canada program to do so. The Youth Maccabiah Games, scheduled for Aug. 15-21 in Toronto, will increase youth awareness of the JCC, he said.

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Organizations and People

Max Mandel among group

Senior citizens receive awards from Premier

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Max Mandel, vice-president of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, was one of 22 Ontario senior citizens honored as Premier David Peterson recently presented the Senior Achievement Awards at Queen's Park.

"Senior citizens are showing themselves as leaders by speaking out on important issues," Peterson said in presenting the awards to launch Senior Citizens' Month. "Every single person in the province has a responsibility to speak out on the important issues of the day."

Senior Achievement Awards are presented to senior citizens who have made a significant contribution to their communities and to the quality of life in Ontario during their retirement years.

Ron Van Horne, minister for senior citizens' affairs, said that the more than 500 nominations his office received for the awards indicates the growing number of senior citizens who have continued to use their talents and energies to benefit their communities.

"It was an awesome task going over all the excellent applicants," said Van Horne, Ontario's first minister responsible for seniors' affairs. "I take great pride in acknowledging the dynamic spirit represented by these worthy recipients."

Mandel was just one of the "worthy recipients." Although in his 80s, he is still involved in a full range of activities. He is active with the United Jewish Appeal and has helped to raise funds which were often given to needy families as well as to many non-profit organizations.

He is vice-president of the New Fraternal Jewish Association which has given support to Yiddish cultural groups in Toronto. Mandel has also given a variety of volunteer services at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care for the past eight years and has provided over 6,000 hours of assistance to elderly patients and residents at the centre.

Following the award ceremonies, Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander hosted a reception.

Premier David Peterson presents Max Mandel with a Senior Achievement Award at Queen's Park. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Gold endowment will pay for professor at Hebrew

TORONTO — The endowment of the Charles and Marilyn Gold Family Chair at the Hebrew University's school of education has been announced by Dr. Charles Gold, a member of the national executive of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and a past president of the organization's Toronto chapter.

The interest from the Golds' endowment will be used to pay the salary of the professor appointed to the chair, assuring the continuation of research in the field.

In a recent interview, Gold, a Toronto gynecologist, said his family decided to endow the chair because of the school of education's importance to Israeli life.

"I have always been interested in education, and somewhat fascinated with the love that the Jewish people have shown for it. In the past, and I hope this tradition continues, teachers were the most restricted members of the Jewish community," said Gold, an assistant professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the University of Toronto.

"The Hebrew University has contributed a great deal to the academic world both within Israel and in a global context," he said.

"I am impressed by the number of faculty at other outstanding Israeli universities who have graduated from the Hebrew University and taken their talents with them."

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Organizations and People

New Winnipeg street renamed for Monty Hall

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

A chance announcement overheard on a car radio has resulted in Winnipeg honoring one of its outstanding native sons. A street in a new north Winnipeg subdivision has been officially renamed Monty Hall Drive. The official ceremony will take place on Hall's next visit to Winnipeg sometime in the fall.

The honor accorded Hall is due entirely to a year-long effort by long time North Ender Tillie Goren. "My husband and I were driving home from work one cold January day last year when we heard an announcer talking about a planned film called Monty Hall Coming Home, she recalled. "He invited everyone to go to the airport to meet Monty Hall.

"I was inspired. We couldn't make it to the airport, but I got an idea. I knew Monty felt a lot of nostalgia for the North End and had a lot of good memories here. I felt that if a fantastic celebrity like Monty Hall felt so strongly about Winnipeg, the city should acknowledge him in some way."

Bear in mind that Tillie Goren had never met Hall. All she knew about him was he was a Jewish boy from Winnipeg and he was the Host of Let's Make a Deal for 13 years.

She didn't find out until later about his work as one of the creators of the Variety Club of Manitoba, a charitable organization directed at children, or his other deeds on behalf of his home community. Hall has preferred not to publicize his good works.

Goren also knew of him as one of several talented former North Enders who had inspired her children and their contemporaries. "On our street alone," she said, "there were about half a dozen young people who have gone into film production, acting or sports."

In any case, Goren became very enthused about her project and wrote to Mayor William Norrie suggesting her street — O'Meara St. — be named after Monty Hall. "It's a short block and he lived around the corner for a while," she said. The reply was positive, but Norrie pointed out it was difficult to change existing street names.

Undeterred, Goren canvassed the block. She received the support of only three-quarters of the residents however, not enough for a name change. The best she could do was have O'Meara St. changed to Monty Hall St. for a short period during St. John's High School's 75th reunion last June.

"I gave up on O'Meara and the city put his name on hold until some new development took place in north Winnipeg," she said. "The main problem was finding an area most suitable for him. Then I found out about this new area coming up called Seven Oaks Crossing."

City council proved quite cooperative. Monty Hall Drive is near the Seven Oaks Hospital. It feeds traffic into three cul de sacs and a large crescent and fronts on 20 good-sized lots.

Goren's next project is a giant plaque with the names of celebrities who grew up in the North End which she would like to see erected in either St. John's or Kildonan Park.

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TORONTO —

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TGH oncologist a talented musician

Father, son perform to raise funds for research

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Oboe and piano music filled the reception area of The Goldie Rotman Oncology reception area at the Toronto General Hospital as a father and son performed at a recital to raise funds for cancer research programs at the hospital.

Michael Baker, an oncologist with the Toronto General Hospital, accompanied his father, 76-year-old Saul Baker who played the oboe, and played several piano solos in a program that included works by Beethoven, Haydn, Vivaldi, Fasch and Couperin.

Surrounded by family and friends, Michael Baker gave an informative talk on the composers who were presented at the recital.

Saul Baker began his oboe studies in the 1930s with the late Douglas Hutcheon. He progressed to the Varsity Orchestra under the direction of John Weinzweig and played with the Toronto Youth Orchestra under Dr. Heinz Unger.

After a pause of 30 years during which time he raised his family and became a respected millinery manufacturer, Saul resumed his music studies. His solo debut was at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto in 1980 and since then he has performed at the Conservatory and with many orchestras in the community.

When not playing the piano, Michael Baker is the director of the Goldie Rotman Oncology Unit and Hematologist-in-Chief at Toronto General Hospital and professor of medicine at the University of Toronto.

Michael studied piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto with Esme Williams and Mildred Spergal-Kenton.

The Bakers are an unusually talented family. Saul's wife, Esther Bruner Baker is a fellow musician who often accompanies her husband on the piano. Another son Gerald, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, is a composer and pianist and plays the organ at Temple Har Zion. And all five grandchildren are accomplished musicians.

"We have a great time together. We perform at family functions, we sing, we play and we enjoy each other," says Saul.

In thanking those who came to support the program, Michael explained that The Goldie Rotman Unit's research program is dedicated to bringing laboratory and technical developments to the clinic and to the bedside for the introduction of new treatments.

He also explained that the oboe is an instrument that is less known than other instruments and very unpopular with young students because of the difficulty of getting the double reed to vibrate between the lips and "send a note down a narrow wooden tube to create that beautiful and haunting tone that can cover more than three octaves."

Quipping, Michael added that an oboe can be described as "an ill wind that no one doth blow good."

Michael and Saul Baker look forward to presenting other recitals in the future to raise funds for the ongoing cancer research programs at Toronto General Hospital. For information on donations, call (416) 595-8300.

Thomas Hecht takes post on Ben-Gurion U board

MONTREAL —
Thomas Hecht of Montreal has been elected vice-chairman of the international board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The election was held in Beersheba at the 16th annual meeting of the board, the university's highest policy making body, which comprises academic and communal leaders from around the world.

A businessman and community leader, Hecht is president of Continental Pharm Cryosan, an international company in the health care field. He is a member of the boards of directors of various multinational corporations including Bank Leumi Le-Israel (Canada).

Hecht has served as the youngest chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal, president of the United Israel appeal of Canada, and is currently president of the Canada-Israel Development Corporation — State of Israel Bonds. He is a founder and longtime national officer of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

In recognition of his leadership in many causes dedicated to helping Israel and to strengthening Jewish life, Ben-Gurion University in 1984 conferred upon Hecht an honorary degree of doctor of philosophy, the only Canadian to be thus honored.

The Thomas Hecht Community Health Centre in Yerusham, diagnostic and treatment project, was established in his honor by his many friends and associates.

Rabbi Poupko to Montreal

By
DAVID BIRKAN

OSHAWA, Ont. —
Rabbi Reuben Poupko will "miss the quality of the Jewish congregation here" when he leaves at the end of the month to take a pulpit in Montreal.

"The community here is made up of fine people, very much committed to Judaism," he told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview.

Rabbi Poupko, 28, is leaving his position as spiritual leader of Beth Zion here for Beth Israel in Montreal. Both congregations are Orthodox. Beth Israel, with 600 families, has been without a rabbi for 14 months, when former spiritual leader, Rabbi M. Glick, stepped down to begin practice as a full-time psychologist.

The 100-member Beth Zion congregation serves the Durham region, including Pickering, Cobourg, Ajax and Whitby. The local community dates back 60 years; the synagogue was built 30 years ago.

"Jews in a small town are usually more committed to their synagogue than those in a large city," said Rabbi Poupko. "In a large centre, people can express their Jewishness in a variety of ways. Here, the synagogue is the focus."

He said: "Our shul is a very active one. We have Jewish education, adult classes, and a vibrant sisterhood and brotherhood. The local B'nai B'rith and Hadassah meet here."

Rabbi Poupko's wife Arna, a doctoral student in Jewish studies at the University of Toronto, has been much involved in the shul's women's study group.

Poupko, a U.S. native, has been Beth Zion spiritual leader for five years. His father, Rabbi Bernard Poupko, is dean of the Orthodox rabbinate of Pittsburgh.

Rabbi Poupko met his wife in New York City, when she was a student there at Touro College. She comes from Edmonton. Her father, Prof. David Panner, teaches engineering at the University of Alberta.

Poupko said that while most of Beth Zion's members were professionals and small businessmen, he found that "when GM is up, everybody is up, and when GM is down, everybody is down."

His destination, Beth Israel, is in Cote St. Luc, a predominantly Jewish area of Montreal; about 90% of its 30,000 residents are Jews.

The Poupkos have three young children: twins Avraham and Tamar, 5, and Hindy, 2½.

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Tribute to Israel

Fashion business booms

Beautiful models just another attraction of Israel

By
LEN BUTCHER

TEL AVIV —

There is no introduction. No commentator. Only the sound of a rock record beating across the banquet room of the Carlton Hotel.

The 400 Tel Aviv secretaries who are gathered here break into applause as Israel's top models suddenly appear on stage to show off the latest fashions from Gottex.

For the next 75 minutes, we are entertained by these beautiful women who strut, prance, slink and sway down the runway.

They are playful, haughty, seductive. But never dull.

The music throbs with a pulsating beat and so do the models. Cheers from the crowd, praise from the press. And all deserved.

This is just one side of Israel that we never hear much about. The fun side — the talent, the creativity of a business that is booming. Fashion.

(The Canadian Jewish News will present an Israel fashion section in its Fall Fashion supplement Aug. 28, but for now we take a look at the models.)

Dana Wechsler, at 21, has been a model for four years after having been crowned Miss Israel in 1981 at the age of 16.

Soft-spoken, almost shy, the tall, elegant-looking Wechsler had no intentions of becoming a model before winning the Miss Israel title.

"But then I started getting offers from companies to model their clothes and the money was good, so I started."

Modeling, she says, has given her the confidence she didn't have before and lets her lead a comfortable lifestyle "wearing the kind of clothes I like to wear."

She also likes the special attention she receives — "It's a small country and soon everyone knows you" — and the "reduction on clothes," she says laughing.

Will this lead to an acting career?

An emphatic "No."

"I want to go to university, get married and have a family. I wouldn't mind modeling part-time if I could fit it in, but that would be at the bottom of my list."

Another who is looking forward to the family life is Sapir Kofman, 20, the 1984 Miss Israel.

Like Wechsler, she had no plans to become a model until offers started pouring in after her win.

But she admits she likes it and it has helped her both financially and personally.

"I have much more confidence since I began modeling and I believe I show myself better in the sense of being more relaxed and the way I relate to people."

Unlike Canada, where agencies handle most, if not all, of the models, it is word-of-mouth that gets the work for the girls.

And then there's Pinchi Mor. Mor has been modeling for six years. Nothing unusual about that.

But Mor is 35 and a mother of two who used to be an airline hostess before she entered the world of modeling at the unheard of age of 29.

"Actually, I was an air hostess before I got married. Then once the children were in kindergarten, I was a little bored staying home."

Mor had been asked over the years to model, but had always refused. "But when Gottex asked me, I talked it over with my husband and he not only agreed, but encouraged me. That was the start."

She does, however, like the "balance of being a wife, mother and model."

Mor's secret of staying in shape?

"I swim every day, but what really keeps me in shape is cleaning the house and running up and down stairs every day with the vacuum cleaner."

How much longer does she see herself modeling, particularly swimsuits?

"I don't know. I don't want to make a career of it. In fact, I want to return to university to study law. I've just written an entrance exam and I'm waiting for the results."

Model Dana Wechsler shares the spotlight with a fashion fan. [Ronny Shinder photo]

Pinchi Mor shows off the lastest from Gottex. [Ronny Shinder photo]

Sapir Kofman is a former Miss Israel. [Ronny Shinder photo]

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Israelis welcome tourists

Now's the time to see Israel

By
LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO —
"In the last five years, travel to Canada has more than doubled."

Those are the words of Benjamin Mammon, managing director of Peltours Ltd., one of Israel's top travel agencies.

Mammon and a group of Israeli travel agents and hotel people were in Toronto recently as guests of El Al.

Although there has been this significant increase, Mammon says "Canada on its own won't sell because it is not yet a known product. But since combining a package, usually three or four weeks, that combines the northeast United States with Canada, travel here has picked up."

Mammon does, however, believe that "in the next few years we will see more groups coming to Canada.

"You have to remember that Canada is looked upon as a friend of Israel and Israelis are very much concerned with who is and is not their friend."

But other than a friend, what do Israelis look for when traveling to North America?

Mammon laughs. "The magnitude. The big thing. Big buildings. The industry which produces millions of every item. Israelis find this fascinating. They come back to Israel and say, 'We do 100,000 shirts a year, in North America they produce 85 million.' "

Benjamin Mammon

Nava Bibi

But what about going the other way? Are the gloom and doom reports we hear really true? Apparently so.

"Up to April, tourism to Israel had dropped 42%," says Mammon, "but the forecast to the end of November, which is after the High Holidays, which will boost travel, should be around 25%."

Mammon is disturbed by the world media, which, he says, look for headlines and exaggerate situations.

"The propaganda not to go to Israel for security reasons is not correct, because we have very secure cities and boundaries, but we have to get that across to travelers and the media are the best way to do it — for them to come themelves and see that it is absolutely safe."

He says the ministry of tourism is spending a lot of money and hopefully, this will help.

Who goes to Israel?

"Our biggest market, in order, is France, the United Kingdom and West Germany. About 45% of the tourists are from the Western hemisphere and a little over 50% from Europe. Gentile traffic is slightly higher than Jewish traffic," which, Mammon says, "is healthy."

And what do North Americans like most about Israel?

"First of all, the holy places. Then the history and the contrast of desert and camels on one side and the modern cities and sophisticated systems we use on the other.

"But whatever their reasons for coming, they all enjoy it. It's a wonderful holiday destination."

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Nava Bibi is the very attractive and charming director of marketing for the 5-star Laromme Jerusalem Hotel.

Architecturally designed to blend in with its surroundings, the 4-year-old hotel is one of the finest in Israel. Featuring a beautiful courtyard which is the scene of wedding receptions and other social events and an indoor-outdoor swimming pool, the Laromme, at Liberty Bell Park, is a 10-minute walk to the old city and Jaffa Gate.

But business, says Bibi, is bad.

"I believe the 5-star hotels are suffering most because 90% of our business is based on the North American market."

Bibi says there has been a drop in business of more than 50%. "In April and May, which is usually a peak season for us, we averaged only 40% occupancy. It's very bad.

"The only bright spot and one which makes me very pleased, is that Canada is doing 10 times better than the United States. There have been hardly any cancellations from Canada, but in the States, it seems like everybody's canceling. I'm very proud of the Canadians."

What all this means to travelers, says Bibi, is that "people coming now are having the best time of their lives because everybody is going out of their way to show how much we appreciate them coming.

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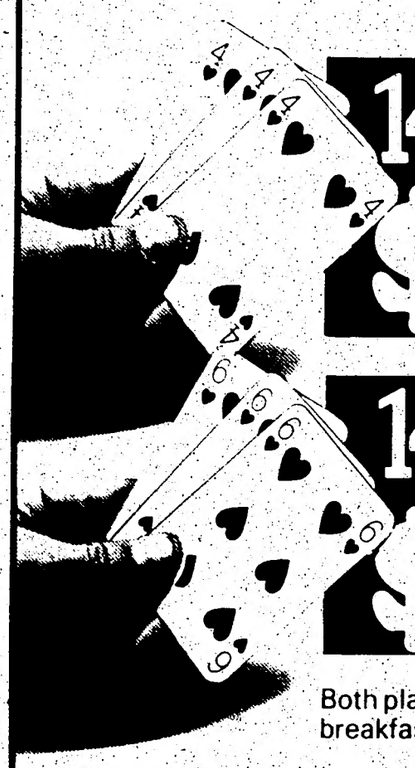

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TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Israel puts push on exporting consumer goods

By
LEN BUTCHER

TEL AVIV —

If Yair Ofek, Israel's former trade commissioner to Canada, ever wanted a challenge, he has it now.

On returning from his post in Toronto last year, he was appointed director of the consumer goods division for the Israel Export Institute.

Despite his busy schedule, Ofek, always accessible, took time out to talk about Israel's present position and plans to increase foreign sales of consumer goods.

The biggest push, he says, is in processed food.

"We export some $400 million of food each year, mainly to Europe. Only $55 million of that is to the United States, which is ridiculous. They should be getting so much more, especially now that we've started a free trade agreement with them.

"Traditionally, of course, it's been easier for us to trade with Europe from a geographical point, but we are now trying to greatly increase our exports to the U.S."

Ofek says Israel has put a lot of effort in research and development and "we are innovative, which means we have a lot to offer in new products all the time. We have the products, the quality is high and we can compete."

These products range from chocolate and sweets to soups, crackers and a wide range of tomato products.

One problem Israel faces, says Ofek, is that "we are mainly serving the institutional markets and our products are being sold under private labels. This is something we would like to change — to get one brand name for a number of different products so people will know where they come from and identify with that name."

To boost sales, a U.S. agency has been hired to run a public relations campaign to build the image of Israeli foods.

Following close on the heels of food is fashion and Ofek is optimistic that Israel can increase sales to North America.

"One difficulty in selling clothes to North America is that the orders are small, whereas in Europe, we have large orders that make it worthwhile.

"But we have started an Israeli Fashion Week in New York and will continue to hold it twice a year. We are in the middle to upper price range — that's our niche — and we are doing quite well.

"I think we will also put more effort on the basics, like underwear, pantyhose, towels, bedsheets . . . these kinds of things."

There will also be a greater effort on selling children's wear, which is a big market in Israel. "We took 15 manufacturers of children's wear to the U.S. last year and met with a lot of success, so that's encouraging."

As for Canada, Ofek says the problem with the Canadian market is that "Israel hasn't discovered it yet. It's not too small and it's definitely a good market, even if we don't get the same breaks we do in dealing with the U.S.

"But when you look at Ontario and Quebec, you have a large population which enjoys a high standard of living and is willing to pay for high quality items."

Ofek points to the increasing number of Canadians — both business and agricultural groups — coming to Israel every year.

"There's a lot of interaction and the trade between us and Canada is steadily increasing, so the future looks very good."

Yair Ofek salutes his Canadian friends from his Tel Aviv office.

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TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Tunik has message for Canadian Jews

State controller keeps eye on money, morality

By
LEN BUTCHER

TEL AVIV —

I first met Itzhak Tunik taking out his garbage at his apartment in Tel Aviv. We talked. We introduced ourselves.

I was a reporter from Canada. He was the state controller of Israel. "We must talk some more," he said. "I must go to Jerusalem tonight, but if you wish, I will meet you at my office here Sunday night."

I agreed. How could I say no to a state controller?

In a section of Tel Aviv where most of the military is housed, is Tunik's Tel Aviv office. He greets me with a firm handshake and those piercing eyes.

"So, my Canadian friend, let's talk."

Although Tunik has never been to Canada, he had another Canadian friend, the late chief justice Bora Laskin, who he remembers with fondness.

A lawyer by profession, Tunik is a former president of the Israeli Bar Association and also serves as Israel's ombudsman.

A lot of responsibility and work for any 75-year-old. This is his last year of the 5-year appointment, but can be reappointed for another five years if he so desires.

"My predecessor was in office 20 years," he says. "But," and there's a twinkle in his eyes, "I'm not going to be."

Although his job is compared to our auditor-general's, Tunik says he doesn't just audit accounts.

"Not only do I check accounts — any accountant can do that — but I watch over the economy, the efficiency of transactions and see that things are done right and effectively.

"We are here to watch even morality, short of criminal offences, because we are not the police. I'm talking about proper public behavior, which means evaluation of all government transactions."

Tunik's office prepares a yearly report for his parliamentary committee which then acts on Tunik's recommendations, which are binding on the government.

"Of course there is constantly a struggle between my department putting pressure on the government to follow through on our recommendations and the government using delaying tactics not to implement those recommendations because of political motives. It's the same everywhere."

Tunik says the job requires a lot of vigilance and alertness.

"We must know what's going on all the time and collect information from any source."

This is where his role as ombudsman plays a key part.

"As ombudsman, I handle some 6,000 complaints a year by the people against the government or government agencies. Of those 6,000 complaints, 40% are found to be justified and 99% of these are carried through to a satisfactory result." Tunik says there are a large number of lawyers to handle the workload.

But aside from handling all those complaints, it gives Tunik "6,000 informants about what is going on. It doesn't matter whether one is right or wrong; it tells me a story about what is going on in the administration."

He pauses for effect, something he does quite often throughout our conversation. A courtroom habit, I suspect.

"Then I take that information and use it in my position as state controller. I am always fighting and teaching the government lessons on how to behave."

I mention that he has a lot of responsibility.

"It requires very much of me," he agrees. "Why do I do it? Because I like to carry burdens. There are some people who like to carry crosses. And after all, why should one not carry anything?

"One should take responsibility, especially in this country, where my spirit is still worth much more than my talent."

How does he rate Israel's government in efficiency?

"I would not give it any mark," Tunik says, "because these are difficult times. We have a very defined political situation and a very severe economic situation. Ordinary measures and ordinary criteria become obsolete. Stronger measures and more sacrifices are needed.

"As state controller, I have nothing to do with planning, but my role is to push and remind the government that it's time to do something, even if it is severe and will cause pain to the public. In last year's report, I said it's no use to administer drugs which may be easing the pain, but exacerbating the illness.

"Something was done and now look at inflation, which stands at around 1.2% a month.

"But we have our problems. Number one is the cost of defence. Another is absorbing immigration. It costs money to give immigrants jobs, housing and education — the minimum conditions of living. Many immigrants come to Israel penniless, stripped of all their possessions.

"It is peace we need and that is not in our hands."

Despite all this, the Russian-born Tunik, who came to Palestine from Poland in 1934, believes in miracles and feels that faith can overcome many things.

"In this country, what most people thought would be a miracle has become a reality. Isn't it a miracle to have a state rise out of nothing? Look back 50 or 60 years ago, when I first came here. There was almost nothing. And look at it today.

"Do I have to tell you, a Christian, the strength of faith? There is a limit to our reasoning, to calculations, to making plans. So when you come to the end of it, you start relying on faith, if you have it. If you don't have faith, you are miserable.

"France and England each have about 600,000 Jews. We never know what might happen in Europe or England, but if anything does, God forbid, they have a ready-made shelter.

"And you can tell the Canadian Jews that we are not giving anything up here. We will stick to this piece of land and never again shall we become a dispersed nation. This is the determination of our people. That is why we go to the battlefield and sacrifice lives.

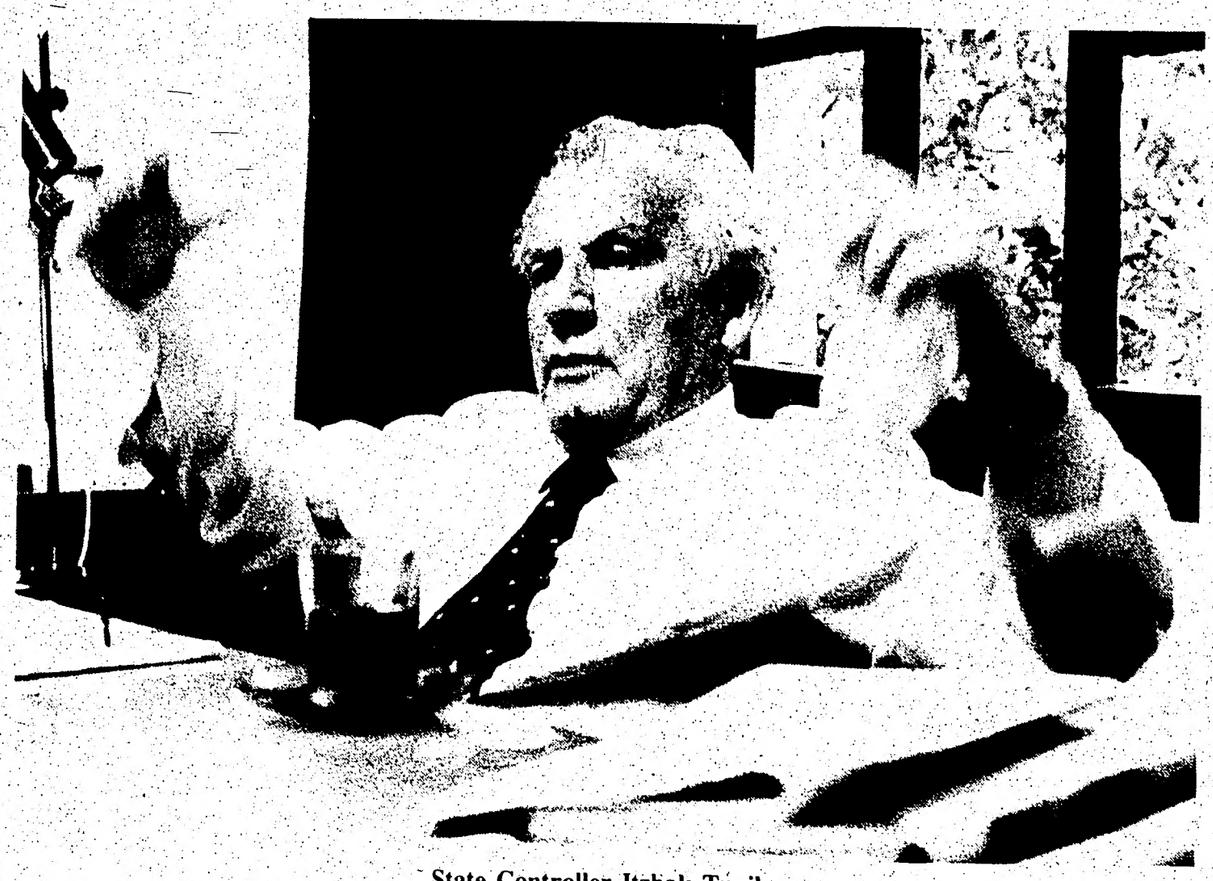
"If you ask me what is the component of Jewish life here, I would say the most valuable component is still spirit, despite matters that have encroached and intruded over the years."

Tunik leans across the table and his voice rises. "Spirit is why we continue to hold out and why we consider miracles as realities. This country keeps me young in spirit." He pauses. Then smiles. "I can't afford to get old, you know."

Tunik then gives a message to Canadian Jews.

"I would tell them to organize a group of young people and to establish a Canadian-Jewish settlement in Israel. Not in the territories, but on this side. Some would continue, some would drop out, but it would be a stronghold for Canadian Jewry and could become a showpiece for Canadian Jewry.

Darkness has fallen by the time I leave Tunik's office, but I can't help feeling that it will never be so dark to extinguish the flame that burns within Israel's state controller.



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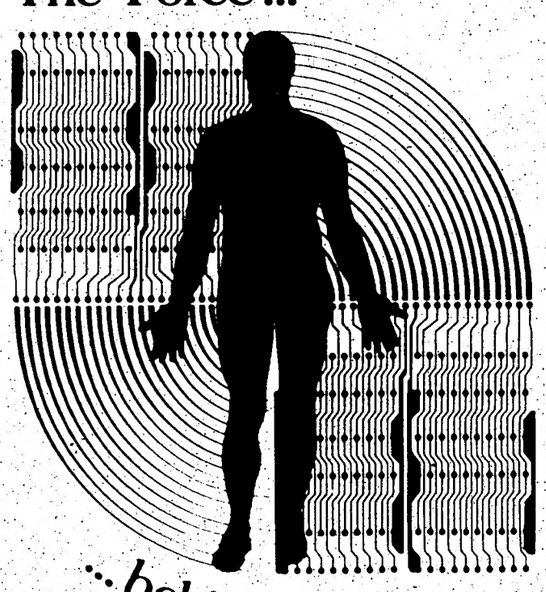

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El Al hits jackpot with Toronto-Tel Aviv flights

By
LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO —

It has been only 2½ months since El Al officially inaugurated its service between Toronto and Tel Aviv, but already the move is reaping big rewards for Israel's national carrier.

Nahum Kara, El Al's district manager for Ontario and Western Canada, says the airline is "doing very well since we started the direct flights from Toronto. Our summer dates are so heavily booked that we now have the problem of getting seats."

That's the kind of problem that most airlines would love to have. But it was the perseverance of El Al that made it happen.

Rehavia Ben-Shacht, El Al's vice-president and general manager for Canada, says, "El Al won the rights to fly from Toronto through long negotiations and also by working hard at building Mirabel into the kind of aiport that it was first designed to be, but failed to achieve.

"We earned the respect of the Trudeau government, and then, with the new Mulroney government and an easing of regulations, we have been awarded the landing rights in Toronto over very strong competition."

El Al is the only airline that has direct service to Israel from Canada and, says Kara, "this is a big advantage, because these days, with all that's going on, people don't want to have to stop in Europe."

El Al's flight from Toronto stops for an hour at Montreal's Mirabel to pick up passengers, but then continues directly to Tel Aviv.

Flights leave Toronto every Monday and Wednesday throughout the year and during the summer months, there is a third flight that leaves each Thursday from Montreal.

"But we also have extra flights for special groups," says Kara. "For instance, on March 31 we took Ray Wolfe and his Oshawa Group on a special flight directly from Toronto to Tel Aviv with no stops. That flight was fully booked with 442 people.

"And on June 14 we put on an extra flight for the United Israel Appeal mission which had to leave Saturday because they had a meeting with Prime Minister Peres on Sunday.

"So, as you can see, we are flexible in terms of scheduling and are trying to meet market needs."

El Al is also on time. Since beginning the flights from Toronto, only one flight has been late and that was due to some minor mechanical trouble.

Being on time is something El Al doesn't take lightly.

"We have a feeder service into Montreal from Boston, Chicago and Miami,' says Kara, "and everything is tied in with each time slot at each airport and with the airlines that are supplying the feeder service, so we can't afford to have any delays."

But why would people from these cities fly through Montreal?

"Because they get El Al service right from their point of departure," says Kara. "Everything is taken care of there so all they do when they fly into Mirabel is transfer to a 747, bypassing the terminal. Within one hour they are on their way to Israel.

And what makes El Al's security the best in the world?

"Our company policy is not to talk about security except to say that we make our security the best possible and no corners are cut," says Kara.

He points out that some airlines are charging passengers a surcharge for extra security. El Al doesn't.

Not cutting corners, of course, means higher costs, as does the lack of Shabbat flights.

"This is a big loss for a commercial company," admits Kara, "and as Israel is a poor country, it can't afford to subsidize us, so we have to be efficient and sophisticated."

That it has become, with one of the highest load factors of all airlines. Carrying cargo adds up to 25% of the airline's revenue and continues to grow.

"For example," says Kara, "for the last two years we have brought the Nouveau Beaujolais wine from France to Toronto and I hope we will again do it this year. We also carry many agricultural exports like fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables during the season, mainly to Europe, but last year we brought tomatoes to the United States and next winter, hopefully, we will bring them to Canada."

There is good news for Western Canadians. Kara says that previous to April 1, fares from Western Canada were high and connections to Montreal were bad. "People had to fly into Dorval then get over to Mirabel, but now these problems don't exist.

"There are a lot of flights from Western Canada into Toronto and there's no changing airports. And we have just reduced our add-on fares from Western Canada.

"It used to be $332 from Vancouver to Montreal plus the Montreal to Tel Aviv fare. Now they pay the Montreal-Tel Aviv fare, plus $200. The product is now much better and cheaper."

More promotions are planned by El Al this coming winter for special markets. "We have been developing the pilgrimage market this past year," says Kara, "and now we would like to develop the senior citizen market.

"We want to get them to go to Israel for a winter vacation or make Israel part of their winter vacation.

"First, the weather is nice and we will offer very good packages in terms of product. For example, a 3-week package will include air fare, and accommodations in a 5-star hotel, but no meals. The accommodations can be split between hotels say, in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The price for the package, which will begin Nov. 10, will be between $1,500 and $1,600. It will be an attractive package."

For young people, Kara says, "there are three Club Meds, so their itinerary can combine a visit to the Holy Land as well as a fun vacation in the sun."

One advantage on returning from Israel is El Al's pre-check-in system that is available in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

It works this way. The evening before departure, you can go to an El Al outlet in the city, check your luggage, select a seat and receive a boarding pass. This means that instead of having to arrive three hours before departure, you can check in within one hour.

This, says Kara, not only eliminates the long wait, but gives people more time to shop at the duty-free shops at Ben-Gurion Airport, which are among the best at any airport.

But the bottom line, says Kara, is that "people have to go to Israel.

"Many people's first image of Israel is that it's a holy land. That's correct, but it's also so much more. It's a beautiful country for a vacation that has something to offer everyone.

"The facilities are excellent, the prices competitive and it is as safe as anywhere in the world.

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Travel agents and members of the press gather in Air Canada's Maple Leaf lounge before departing on El Al's inaugural flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv.

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"Wait 'til I tell the girls at bridge"

Bride filled with pride at Yemenite wedding

ROSE WOLFE MALICHI, a freelance writer from Montreal who made aliya seven years ago and who lives in Haifa, married a Yemenite Israeli and she describes here the traditional "henna" weddig ceremony of the Yemenites.

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My mother had always dreamed that her only daughter would marry under the stars in Israel. What Jewish mother would wish otherwise? Of course, as long as the groom was Jewish and came from a good family, but, "Just what and where is Yemen?" she asked on a long distance call from Montreal.

My aliya to Israel seven years ago has taken me more than miles away from my childhood home in Canada. The years have sped by and with them, the most unexpected of events I believe can only happen to a "once-upon-a-time Jewish Princess." Moreso, this princess who chose to fulfil her romantic Zionist dream in the Holy Land. When age seemed ripe as the prophets might have thought, I was indeed blessed by having met my husband, a Yemenite Israeli.

In keeping with his family's heritage and what some onlookers might think was "tribal African worship," we had a traditional Yemenite wedding, with all of the original customs. My childhood visions of a white dress and waltzing with my father while my mother wept, were suddenly transposed into a Cinderella fairytale for a night I will long remember.

A "henna," the original Yemenite wedding ceremony, is a ritual that has been carried out for hundreds of years and still today in some Yemenite-Israeli families. It may be performed in its entirety including the "chupah," or the evening prior to the traditional Jewish wedding as we know it. (I am referring to the popular throwing of bouquet and reading of telegrams, followed by the couple's six pieces of Samsonite luggage and 10 days in the Bahamas). My wedding did not keep with this tradition. It was so much more.

My husband's parents were certain that I would not want to go through with the ceremony, but having majored in Theatre Arts in university, I envisioned a fanfare of spectacle and thus, my first major performance to what was certain to be a captive audience. The henna, the honoring of the bride and groom, symbolizes the giving over of the bride to the groom's family and vice-versa. In Yemen, in days of yore, the ceremony would begin one week before the chupah. We decided to have our henna for only one evening, two days before our actual marriage ceremony.

Two hundred and fifty guests, cold meats, salads, pita bread, strings of bright lights, music — all in my in-laws garden in Tel Aviv. Having been partially briefed by the "elders," I had a vague idea of what to expect. I was "queen for a day" and from the early hours of the morning, was waited on hand and foot by the family.

Five o'clock in the afternoon and Rachel Karvani arrived. A woman in her 70s, she wore a floral housedress and had her head covered with an old kerchief. She was carrying two tattered leather cases and a bouquet of red and white carnations. My "dresser" — and with her, the robes, jewelry and headdress I would be wearing that night.

Rachel dressed and "garnished" Yemenite brides for a living. Her rental fee, a mere $10 for the evening. Her riches, sterling silver jewelry, a gold-embroidered floor length gown with matching harem pants, were the only possessions she brought with her from Yemen 30 years ago. The history, the clothes and jewelry belonged to her great-grandmother.

Standing in a small bedroom with only Rachel and my mother and wearing no more than a cotton shirt, Rachel began. She took four cloth diapers and wrapped them around my neck. She then helped me into a black embroidered dress. The dress itself weighed close to 10 pounds, but little did I know that this was only the beginning. Next, she put a heavily weighted breastplate over the diapers. I felt as though I was preparing for a joust!

Opening a small jeweled case, neither I nor my mother could believe what we saw. Strands of beads and silver medallions, pendants, bracelets and a selection of nearly 100 rings! She placed necklace after necklace around my neck. With each one, she blessed me, wishing me good health, happiness and many, many children. The detailed filigree work of each piece, the gold and silver mesh, glistened and as I counted 22 separate pieces, I began to feel the weight of each one.

Why the diapers? By this time, I realized they served as a padding for this 5 ft. 2 Canadian. Next, the bracelets, and Rachel carefully closed five around each wrist. Rings, two on each finger, including my thumbs.

"I have to sit down before I fall down," I told her.

"You will stand and be proud. Today is like no other" she replied.

She then opened up a large cardboard box and took out a gold-embroidered headdress. It was nearly 1½ feet high and she pinned it to my head, strapping its gold chain laces around my chin. On it, she attached the carnations and bouquets of mint leaves that hung down below my ears.

All this time, I was not allowed to look in the mirror, but kept looking at my mother, standing in the corner in her chiffon cocktail dress, tissue clutched in her hand. "I feel like I'm watching a National Geographic film and you're the star," she said.

"The kallah (bride) is ready now," Rachel said, as she went to call my husband so that the ceremony could commence.

Rose Wolfe Malichi in her traditional Yemenite wedding outfit.

The crowd gathered outside in the garden and the music began. Music? The orchestra was like no other I had seen before. Rachel, with a large tin can and a stick, and one aging great aunt, with the lid of a pot and a wooden spoon. They chanted wedding songs and prayers in Yemenite, keeping the beat with their homemade percussion instruments. My husband, in a sparkling silver and black robe, met us at the front door, and off we went, arm in arm. Everyone seemed to know the tunes and joined in the singing. The older men bent down to kiss my forehead, as I and my 35 pounds of jewelry tried to be graceful.

After having heaved myself out of my chair, we danced and twirled to the tunes of Yemen. In addition to the chorus, we had hired a Yemenite singer, who also came equipped with his own tin can and yardstick. He sang in Yemenite, which sounds like a mixture of old Hebrew and Arabic.

The dance step, somewhat like a hora, starts off very slowly and then, while the tempo turns into a quickened frenzy, feet bagin to fly. Men and woman alike danced in circles for hours, with my husband and I in the centre. My every step was an effort, but I still managed to dance up a storm, with the weight of an elephant on my head.

Eleven o'clock and everyone is looking at "safta" (grandmother). She is a woman of 94, who has blessed each one of her 32 grandchildren at birth and now, would be giving her eldest grandson to his new bride. In her hands was a bowl of "henna," the ground up seeds of the henna plant. Mixed with water, this powder turns into a dark brown mud.

As we know it today, women use henna to highlight their hair. This was that same cosmetic mixture, only this was "home-grown." When placed on the skin, henna leaves an orange/brown stain that washes off only after two weeks. The mixture was ready and my husband and I took our seats at a festive white table decorated with red roses and tiny lit candles.

Our grandmother arose and only when all the guests were silent, sang a prayer in our honor. She then took my husband's hand and on his palm, put a circle of henna. In her broken Hebrew, she recited a prayer, explaining that this stain of color placed on him by his family, was symbolic of a seal on his hand, and his heart. He was now going over to his bride and with this, would always be a blessed and honored member of his family.

She then blessed me and put a dab of henna on my hand. Following this, our parents and brothers and sisters did the same. My mother covered her hand with a plastic bag: "Wait 'til I tell the girls at bridge," and kissed us both.

My father asked for the first grandchild before our first anniversary, as did most of our guests. This too, is in keeping with Yemenite tradition!

We continued dancing until 4 a.m., until the last of our guests had gone.

Looking back, now a year later, the joy of our simcha will forever hold a special place in my heart. I had, in one brief evening, experienced the riches and flavors of generations of Jews from a place called Yemen. They had now become my family. I am so proud. The love, the ritual — still alive after hundreds of years.

My neck and back ached for weeks and the henna stains on my palms soon faded. A henna for our daughter? I cannot imagine a greater honor, nor a greater joy.

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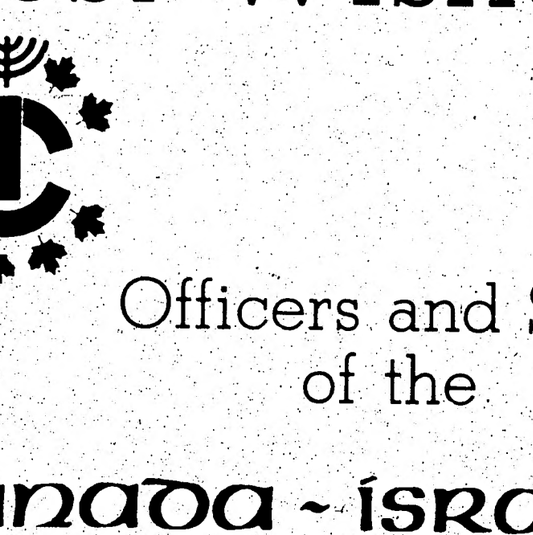

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Missions play a key role

Israel's trade with Canada shows strong gains

By LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO — The last few years have not been easy for Israel, what with triple-digit inflation and high defence costs taking their toll.

But as the song goes, "Times are a changin'," and the Israelis, who are used to overcoming obstacles, have again fought back — within one year bringing the inflation rate down to 27% from 185%.

Another bright spot has been in trade, where exports to Canada have jumped from $31 million in 1982 to $93 million in 1985 — an impressive increase.

Udi Sheintal, Israel's trade commissioner to Canada, says it is still on the rise. "The first quarter of 1986 stands at almost $29 million, so if it stays like that for the next three quarters, we will finish the year a lot better than last year."

To increase trade with Canada, Sheintal believes more Israeli exporters should come to Canada and set up offices here.

"If you look at the $2.2 billion of exports to the United States and then see offices for at least 60 to 65 Israeli companies there, you can see why they are selling so much to the Americans.

"I'm not saying we can export the same amount to Canada, but if an Israeli company has a subsidiary here, I think we can increase trade substantially."

The Israel Trade Commission, with offices in Toronto and Montreal, plays two major roles, says Sheintal.

"One is to promote Israeli exports by becoming a matchmaker, which means determining whether there is a market for the goods, then supplying those companies with all the legal and technical aspects on how to export those products. We then introduce them to Canadian importers or wholesalers."

After that, Sheintal says, "a meeting is set up between the two companies, either in Canada or Israel."

The second phase is one in which Sheintal is a great believer. "Missions. Once you get people together, they will find a successful venture.

"I've seen it happen in the four or five missions that have taken place since I've been here during the past year. Every one of these missions has been a success story where joint ventures have been signed between Canadians and Israelis."

Udi Sheintal

He says that most missions are geared towards high-tech business and less for consumer goods, although more interest is being shown in consumer goods.

"The trend in Canada is that Canadians are not as interested in buying products as buying knowhow, and they are eager to cooperate with Israeli industrialists.

"Israelis realize they cannot conquer the whole market from Israel, so once they have state-of-the-heart technology, they can sell this knowledge to certain countries and share in the marketing.

"So for the two or three years they have this advanced technology, they can make the most out of it.

"You must also realize there are some countries to which Israel cannot sell, but where Canada is most welcome, so it's a situation where Canada gets the knowhow from Israel, manufactures the product in Canada and markets it in places where Israel has no access."

Sheintal believes that Israel's improving economy also helps. He points to the $23 billion (U.S.) balance of payments.

Admitting it is a high debt, he says you have to look at the way it is structured — 50% to the United States, 17% to Israel Bonds, 13% to private investors who put their money in Israel banks around the world, and only 20% to private institutions and private banks.

"If you look at South American countries, 80% is to private banks and that's why they're really in trouble.

"The Israeli government has never had a problem of repaying its debts, even in times of war, and that's why we have credibility in the world market, which is very important for trade."

Amazon attracts young Israelis

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — "The in" thing among young Israelis of both sexes, after finishing their compulsory service in the Israel Defence Forces and working for a year to accumulate some money, is to go off for an indefinite period to South America, to explore the basin of the Amazon.

Because of the paucity of guide-books, travelers keep careful hand-written records of Hebrew in exercise books, full of tips about cheap places to stay, wearing a money belt and what to say to Indians you may meet in the jungle. These exercise books are passed from hand to hand, rather like university lecture notes.

Strangely enough, Israeli parents approve of their adventurous offspring having some fun, and they prefer South America to Nepal and nothern India for these pilgrimages by their children.

The young people explain their desire to go to faraway places with strange-sounding names as a need for change from the bourgeois life of work, marriage, parenthood, paying off mortgages and doing Army reserve duty that they see stretching ahead of them as soon as they settle down.

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Isaiah, Chapter 2, Verse 3

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System proves itself

No political influence for Israel attorney-general

Yitzhak Zamir, the Israeli attorney-general who resigned recently, caused a major crisis in Israel when he announced plans to investigate the actions of the Shin Bet, the internal security service. In this article JEFF BLACK explains the unusual powers of an Israeli attorney-general.

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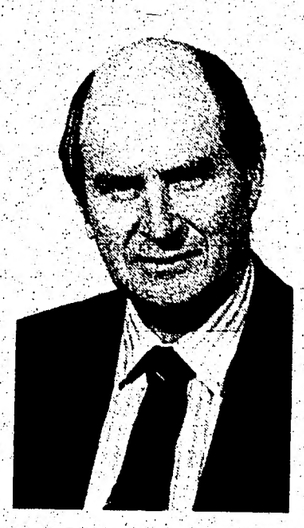
JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Notwitstanding Shakespeare's comment, "the law is an ass," modern government and democracy is dependent on the rule of law to safeguard the rights of the state and its citizens. The role of the attorney-general, the legal advisor to the government, is often regarded as the most influential legal position in the land, for it is the attorney-general who decides against whom prosecution should be brought as well as advising the government whether its proposed actions fall within the laws of the land.

The position of Israel's attorney-general is quite different from that of the attorney-general in the United States, Great Britain or Canada. In those countries the attorney-general is not only a lawyer but also a politician and is in the cabinet.

When the State of Israel was established, the government decided to depart from this system, for in the words of Haim Cohen, Israel's second attorney-general (1950-1960), "we feared that with the attorney-general in charge of public prosecution, the fact that he was identified with a political party might prevent justice if not from being done, from appearing to be done."



Yitzhak Zamir

Instead, the ministry of justice was established, headed by a politician. The attorney-general's office is situated within the ministry, and it is from here that he advises the government on legal questions. Some attorneys-general, on completion of their term, have then entered politics, but none have any political influence whilst actually in office.

Ya'akov Shmshon Shapirah, the first person to hold the position of attorney-general, later became the minister of justice and Gidon Hausner, famous for his role as the prosecutor in the Eichmann trial, became a member of Israel's Knesset.

It is true to say, however, that given the all-pervading atmosphere of Israeli party politics, the position of the attorney-general is seen as being above the machinations of the political system.

This does not mean that the attorney-general has no effect on Israeli political life. Haim Cohen, who was until recently a Supreme Court judge, remembers one such clause celebre: "I once decided to prosecute someone who libeled a civil servant named Kastner, a man who had cooperated with the Nazis during World War II. Both the Prime Minister and the minister of justice were against the case coming to court but I, in my capacity as attorney-general, was able to use my prerogative and insist that the case be tried."

Indeed, all of Israel's attorney-generals have had strong personalities, which have led to disagreements with the government of the day. Haim Cohen remembers a time when he threatened to return in order to ensure that justice be done: "I once asked for a coalition member to be prosecuted but the government refused to remove his immunity. I therefore went to the government and told them that as attorney-general my decision was final.

"'You can fire me,' I said, 'but you cannot remove my privileges of office.'"

Again the attorney-general won out, the politician was indicted and Cohen did not have to carry out his threat of resignation.

Sometimes the attorney-general's advice is disregarded by the government. In such a case he will not then go into court to defend the government. A recent example of this occurred when the censorship board prohibited the production of a new Israeli play on the grounds that it was offensive. Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir was not consulted on this decision and claimed that it was unlawful. He was then not bound to take the case. The censorship board, having already lodged a complaint with the High Court, were now forced to hire a private lawyer to argue its case.

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Critics have argued that there is need for the attorney-general to be outside the political realm; indeed there are many people who would argue for the abolition of his role altogether. But on the whole and in the words of Maim Cohen, "The attorney-general system we have has proved itself."

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Out of the mouths of babes

A look at life in a mitzpeh from young eyes

CJN writer CARL ALPERT gives us his version of what the first child born in Har Chalutz has to say about life in a mitzpeh.

* * *

My name is Idan Applebaum, and I am almost 6 months old. I expect to be recorded in history as the first child born in the new mountaintop settlement of Har Chalutz in the Galilee. There are eight other kids here, and if what I overhear is correct, we're going to be joined by 14 more in the very near future — with their parents, of course.

The grownups here are an interesting mixture: there are 10 Americans, 8 Israelis, and one each from Argentina, Scotland, Holland and south Africa. We live in caravans, what you North Americans call house trailers, and they're not bad at all, with electricity, running water, and even solar hot water heaters. Eventually we're going to move to permanent homes up here, but that will take a few years, I guess.

Visitors here think we're in a pretty deserted place, isolated, but they're so big city-conscious that they can't appreciate the gorgeous view from here, the wide open spaces, the fresh air. Of course I've never seen a city, so I really wouldn't know.

We're only 11 families thus far, but more are joining by the end of the year, and 10 more next year. No, this is not a kibbutz. We are a village of private families, each one earning his own livelihood, but all cooperating in the common interest. I know a lot more of what's going on around here than they think. They all speak English, but try to talk Hebrew as often as they can, and I'm learning both languages.

Har Chalutz is a mitzpeh, a mountain settlement, and is different from most of the others around here in that this is a religious unit. No, nobody has a beard; I didn't say Orthodox, I said religious. Even at my age I know that one can be religious without being Orthodox. They call this Reform, and support comes from the Reform movement in the U.S. The prayer book they use at Friday evening services is all in Hebrew — no English. Every family has its own private kitchen and nobody pokes around, but the communal meal which we eat together from time to time is all dairy, so that even observant families can feel at home here.

There's a nursery school for us little ones, and soon there'll be a kindergarten.

Almost every family has a car, but a pickup truck goes down to the city of Karmiel every morning, and comes back at the end of the day. One day when no one was looking I inspected the list of occupations of the grownups. There are a couple of engineers, an architect, a few artists, a tour guide, a construction expert, a tennis instructor, teachers, a salesman and even a few retired couples. The age range is from 25 to 64.

No singles here, all married.

There are plenty of jobs in the neighborhood for professionals — we're right near the Tefen industrial and high technology area — and this is supposed to be an ideal place for creative people as well. I've seen artists at work, and at least two books are being written. I hope they mention me.

Maybe our most famous member is Haya Burstein, formerly of Hicksville, NY, who has written a lot of books for children, including the Jewish Kids Catalogue. Her husband is Mordy, the construction man, who works in Karmiel.

I like Ehud and Yonat Ryden, who come from San Francisco. They're supposed to be retired, but she's doing pictures for a new book, and he's always helping out with carpentry work. I almost forgot my own folks. Daddy (that's Hal), who comes from Tuscaloosa, Ala., is the secretary of the settlement, and that's how I know everything that's going on. Mommy (that's Esti) taught aerobics until I came along.

You should have seen this place when I first came — just rocks and brambles, but there are already flowers and gardens. They've planted 115 walnut trees, and I can already visualize how beautiful this place will be in a few years. The Aharonis have even put up a red tasseled beach umbrella outside their trailer.

That hill over there is called Tourist Mountain. We're going to build a guest house there and make it a centre for conventions, seminars, educational courses, etc. What a great place it will be for week-long retreats — right in the heart of the Galilee, and on top of everything.

Har Chalutz is not for everybody. Haim Sharett, who is our group mentor, says that the common characteristics of the folks living here are love of the Galilee, strong sense of community responsibility, self-confidence, patience, desire to create a new kind of high quality life, an upbeat attitude, open door and no fence to the neighbors.

From what I hear some families did drop out of the preparatory group even before they got to our mountain. Reasons were different in each case. One family was too delicate to take the rugged life. Another didn't have the social "chemistry" to get along. Another didn't want to move up here until there were at least 35 families. Still another was too religious, and wanted an all-Orthodox environment.

Things move fast around here. You ain't seen nothing yet. If you come back again next month you'll find our new basketball court all paved, you'll see a big "Welcome" sign left over from the dedication ceremony we're now planning, and the road to the top here will be paved all the way. We've got lots of plans, and remember, we're still very young.

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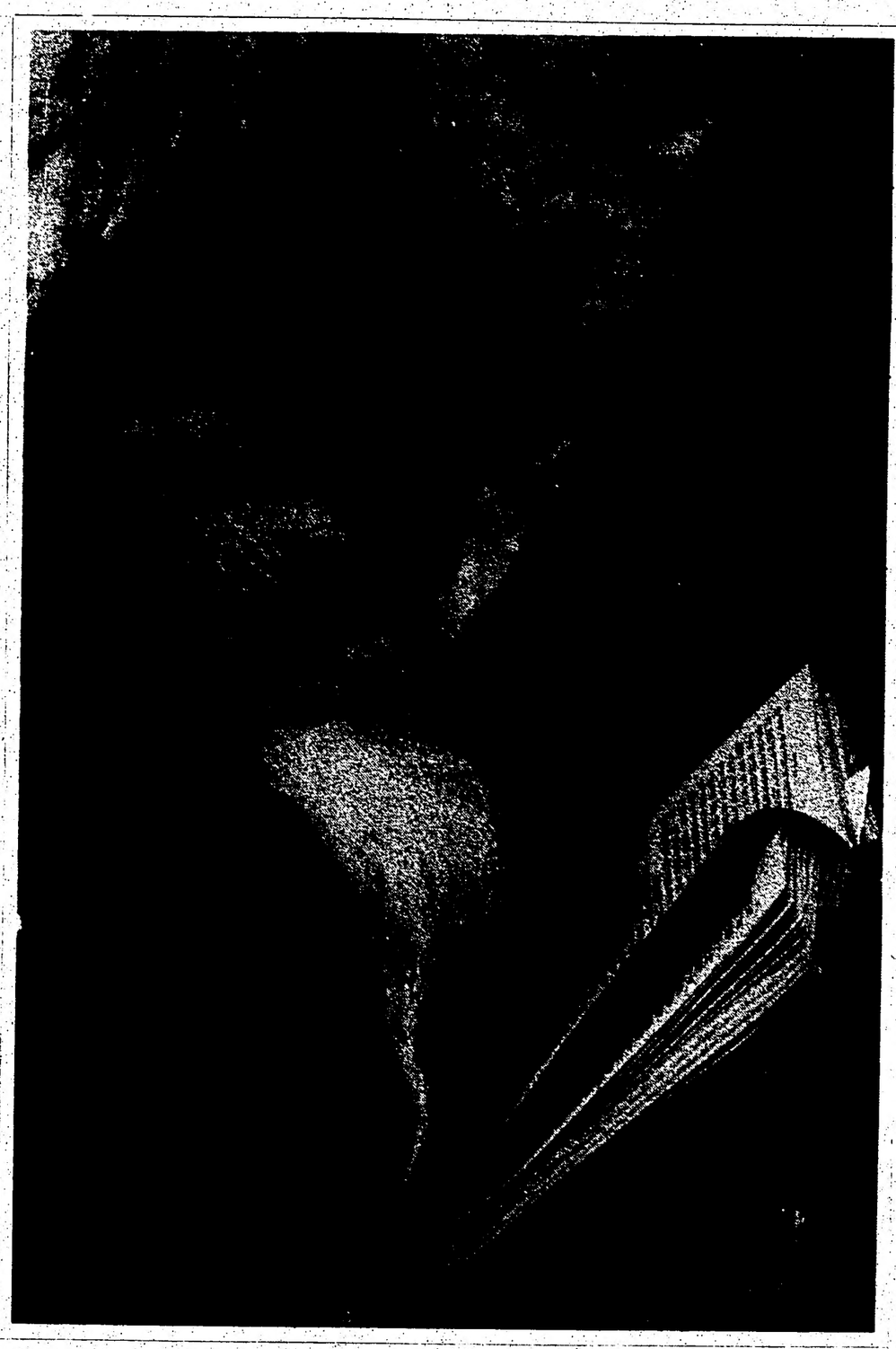

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"Not the work of those who seek an end to conflict"

Terrorism seen as a means to prevent peace

OTTAWA —

The manner in which the fallacious argument for the "root cause" of Arab terrorism is usually presented ignores the nature and objective of this terror, says Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada.

There remain some who, rather than confront terrorists, prefer to concentrate on the root cause approach, Ben-Horin said in a recent article on the op-ed page of The Globe and Mail.

This approach, he said, "seems to mean that if only 'some kind of solution' could be found to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Middle East terrorists would bury their explosives."

The ambassador stressed the search for a settlement must continue — "not for 'some kind of solution,'" but a transition from intermittent war to a contractual, negotiated settlement.

Eliashiv Ben-Horin

"The Arabs (including the Palestinian Arabs) and the Israelis need to see hope for peaceful development of their very considerable potential, human and material," Ben-Horin said.

The root cause argument concerning terrorism, he said, ignores that the nature of terrorism is the indiscriminate use of violence against defenceless civilians — "its objectives are destruction, intimidation and fear."

Said Ben-Horin: "For terrorists, murder is not the desperate act of last resort; it is the well-planned instrument of first resort" by a well-organized and amply financed enterprise.

The slaughter of children in their school "is not resistance but terrorism" as are the premeditated rocketing of a school bus and the blowing up of civilian airliners with their passengers, the ambassador stated.

"Arab-Palestinian terrorism has always been perpetrated by those who oppose peace with Israel on any terms," he said. "It has never been the work of those who seek an end to the conflict, but of those who wish to perpetrate it.

"When Palestinian terrorist leaders and their sponsors speak of peace in the Middle East, they mean a Middle East without Israel."

Ben-Horin said the Palestinian Liberation Organization was founded in 1964, three years before the Six-Day War put Israel in the West Bank. The PLO, he said, "was created to 'liberate Palestine' meaning Israel."

The ambassador pointed out that since the 1920s, two decades before the State of Israel came into being, extremist Palestinian Arab leaders engaged in the indiscriminate murder of the Jewish population in Palestine.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem had scores of moderate Palestinian leaders assassinated, said Ben-Horin.

"Palestinian terrorism and the regimes that support it have always included among their targets those Arabs who had the foresight to realize — and the courage to say — that a settlement rather than perpetual war was the only viable solution."

King Abdullah of Jordan and Egypt's Anwar Sadat were among the victims of this terrorism because they sought peaceful relations with Israel, the ambassador said.

Jordan's King Hussein has expressed his desire for negotiations and "if peace talks have not materialized it is "because of pressure from terror groups around the king and from states that support them," said Ben-Horin.

"It is not the absence of peace that promotes terrorism," he said, "but rather terrorism that seeks to prevent peace."

Elscint's nuclear medicine systems find a large market

TORONTO —

Nuclear medicine systems, spearheaded by the digital gamma camera from Elscint Ltd. of Haifa, have registered outstanding sales records in the last quarter and over the past year.

Elscint NM systems have recently been sold to university hospitals in Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver.

As well, the gamma camera systems have been sold to Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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The National Institute of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Md. has awarded Elscint a $1.2 million contract to supply a picture archive and communication system for its Clinical Center nuclear medicine department.

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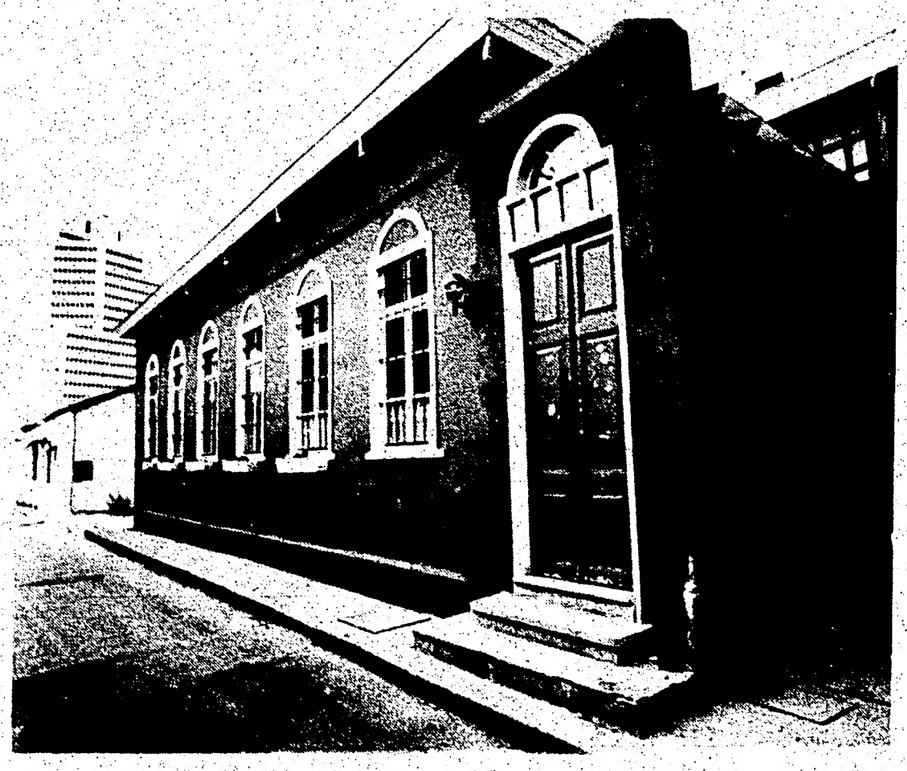
Neveh Zedek 100 years old

Artists breathe life into settlement

By
JEFF BLACK

TEL AVIV (WZPS) — Neveh Zedek (Dwelling of Justice) was the first Jewish settlement in Jaffa and was the centre of Jewish life there until the founding of Tel Aviv 23 years later.

Now in its 100th year Neveh Zedek, near to the Jaffa end of Tel Aviv's beach, is far from being a modern suburb, but with restoration work being done on many of its buildings and with the activities of its theatre group, there is yet hope that it will recapture some of its early vibrancy.



A building in the Neveh Zedek quarter is seen be fore and after renovation.

The story of Neveh Zedek began when a large number of refugees from the Eastern European pogroms set up home in the Arab city of Jaffa, which resulted in rents rocketing sky high.

A group of Jewish settlers there, led by Jerusalem-born Shimon Rokach and Algerian immigrant Aharon Chelouche, decided to found a cooperative housing scheme to escape these rents and thus the development of the Neveh Zedek quarter began.

The Chelouche family worked as goldsmiths in Jaffa's Chalfanim St., the city's central trading place. But because of Jaffa's role as a port, the central business activity soon became money changing for the numerous sailors who thronged the ancient port.

In 1887 the Chelouche's, along with other Jewish residents of Jaffa, moved out of their old homes and the Neveh Zedek quarter soon became a vibrant new Jewish area. Walking through the area today one is struck by the run down and desolate nature of the quarter. To the north can be seen the nearby skyscrapers of Tel Aviv and it is hard to imagine that this unprepossessing collection of streets was the starting point of Israel's largest metropolis.

In 1909 members of Neveh Zedek, along with residents of Jaffa and Neveh Shalom, formed a society named Ahuzat Bayit, the aim of the society being the construction of a new Jewish city. Taking a loan of 300,000 gold francs from the Anglo-Palestine Company (the ancestor of today's Bank Leumi), the Ahuzat Bayit used the gold to buy the land on which the first 70 houses of Tel Aviv were built.

Neveh Zedek, however, was not always the poor relation of Tel Aviv. In its beginning many prominent Jewish intellectuals resided there. S. Y. Agnon, a Nobel prize literature laureate, had a house there in the early years of this century, the great Hebrew poet Bialik stayed there on his first visit to Palestine and the father of modern Hebrew, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, was a frequent visitor to the quarter.

Many of the homes today bear marble plaques testifying to the events that took place there and the distinguished personalities who at one time lived in those houses.

Neveh Zedek also boasted synagogues in abundance and the religious Zionist leader Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook lived in the quarter when he was Chief Rabbi of Jaffa/Tel Aviv.

Theatre group centre

The area had schools including the Neveh Zedek Girl's School, built in 1908. The school is no longer used for teaching but it has been turned into the centre for the Neveh Zedek Theatre Group. The group, which was founded by leading Israeli writers such as Chanoch Levin and A. B. Yehoshua, aims to make inroads into the existing Israeli theatre and breathe new life into it.

The fact that the group has its centre in Neveh Zedek is almost symbolic, for just as the artists wish to breathe new life into Israeli theatre, so too are the artists breathing new life into Neveh Zedek.

The quarter, once a haven for Jewish intellectuals, before becoming almost a ghost town in the face of sprawling Tel Aviv, is now being turned into an artist's quarter. A lot of work is still needed before the quarter can recapture its youth but it is hoped that Neveh Zedek will do so in time for its centenary celebrations next year.

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High-performance, cost-efficient plane

Israel displays fighter jet at London air show

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

LONDON, Ont. —

The Kfir, Israel's delta-winged fighter jet, had its Canadian debut recently.

Capable of flying 1,500 miles per hour, the plane appeared at the Molson Golden London International Air Show.

The Kfir was brought to Canada by the U.S. Navy, which leased a squadron of Kfirs from Israel last year for 3½ years.

A single seat ground attack aircraft, the Kfir did not fly, but was on display.

Its appearance here marked only the second time it has been seen at a North American air show. The Kfir, built by Israel Aircraft Industries, recently appeared at a show in Jacksonville, Fla., according to IAI's Washington representative, Marvin Klemow.

The Molson Golden London International Air Show is one of the largest shows of its kind in Canada. At this year's show, there were 75 planes from countries such as Britain, West Germany, Canada, and the U.S.

The organizers wanted the Kfir to add a little variety to the show.

At about $9.5 million per unit, the Kfir is a high-performance, cost-effective plane, said Klemow.

The American Navy leased 12 Kfirs at no cost. But Israel Aircraft Services, a subsidiary of IAI, won an $80 million contract to maintain the planes. They are serviced by 20 Israelis and 70 Americans.

Based in Oceana, Virginia, the Kfirs are used to simulate Soviet MIGs in training exercises. The Kfirs in the possession of the U.S. Navy are called F-21As.

U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman has been quoted as saying that he may lease another dozen, which would be stationed on the West Coast.

Klemow said the U.S. Marine Corps has also expressed an interest in leasing the Kfir. Negotations are still under way, but Klemow is confident that the Marines will lease the Kfirs by 1987.

The arrangement underscores the close and growing strategic ties between Israel and the U.S.

The Kfir, which is no longer in production, carries two 30-mm DEFA cannons and two Shafrir air-to-ground missiles. It is powered by one General Electric J79-GE-17 engine.

Known as the Lion Cub in English, the Kfir is the successor to the Nesher (Eagle), a homegrown Israeli jet which came off the assembly line in the late 1960s.

The Nesher was built after France reneged on a contract to sell Israel 50 Mirages. Charles de Gaulle, then president of France, imposed an arms embargo on Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War, and Israel then decided to build its own military aircraft.

The Nesher, which took part in the Yom Kippur War, was replaced by the Kfir in the mid-1970s.

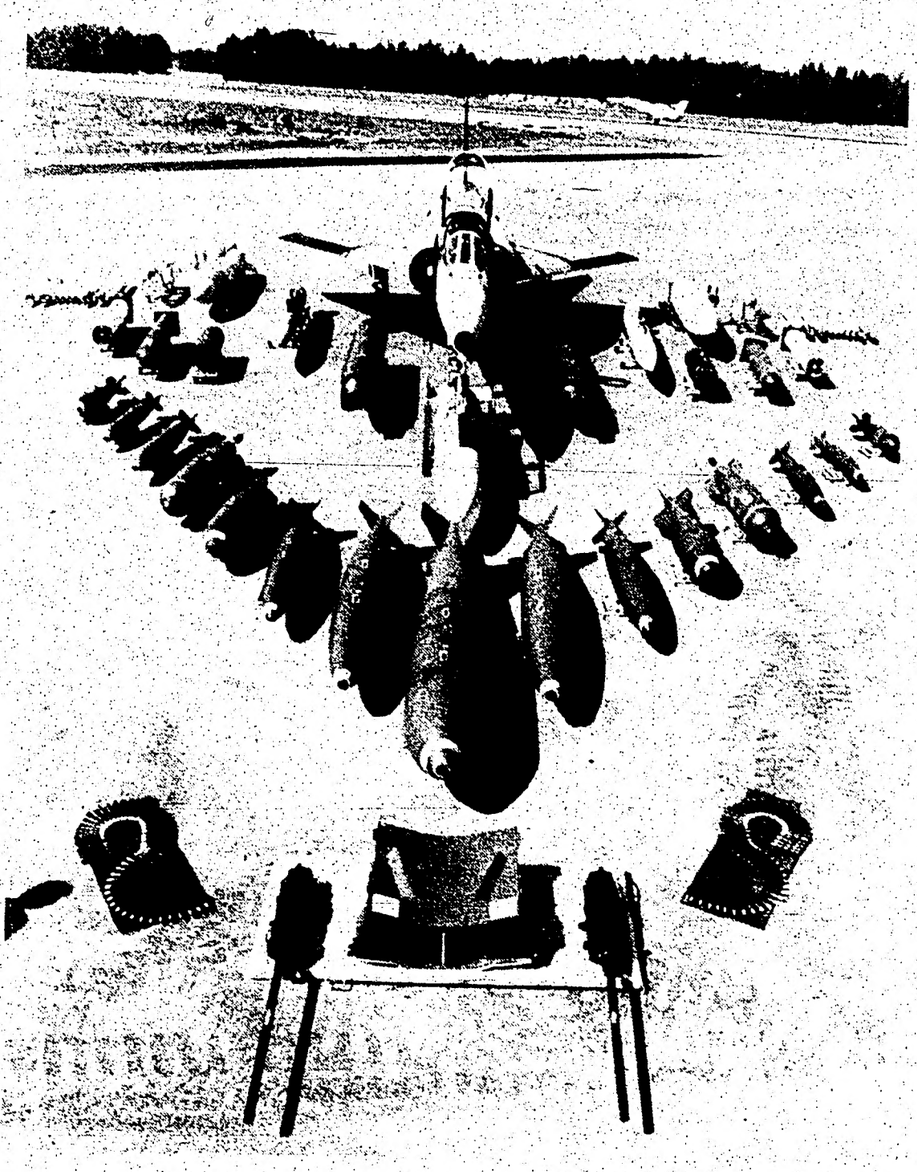
The Lavi will in turn replace the Kfir. It is scheduled to be officially unveiled at a ceremony July 22 at Ben-Gurion Airport.

State-owned Israel Aircraft Industries has 21,000 employees, making it the biggest commercial enterprise in Israel.

Established in 1953 to support the Israeli Air Force and El Al, IAI had sales of $950 million in 1985. Sixty percent of its aerospace products, both civilian and military, are exported. IAI has a policy of not revealing overseas sales, but Klemow said that the Kfir has been bought by Ecuador.

Two of IAI's non-military planes are executive business jets — the Westwind and the Astro. They range in price from $3 million to $5.5 million.

Klemow said that IAI has not attempted to sell the Kfir in Canada, given Canada's preference for American aircraft.



Israel's Kfir aircraft and its weaponry photographed in Israel. The $9.5 million plane was on display in London, Ont.

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"We drill our heads instead of the ground"

Israel's research pays off

By
ELLEN DAVIDSON

JERUSALEM —

"We can't drill the ground for wealth like the Arabs do, so instead we are drilling our heads," says one Israeli scientist, explaining how 38-year-old Israel has mobilized human, instead of natural resources, to become the R and D whiz kid of industrial nations.

A case in point is the flood of sophisticated devices in the area of medical technology. Behind the flood is the highest proportion of physicians per capita in the world — 277 per 10,000 people (compared to 204 in West Germany, 176 in the United States and 153 in the United Kingdom.). Doctors not needed by the bedside have flocked to research and medical engineering. They have fueled a constantly growing network of highly advanced science-based firms creating technology, for example, to monitor victims of heart disease, to detect diseases like cancer more quickly and cheaply, and to employ laser beams to weld tissues together instead of surgical sutures.

Only seven years ago, the Israeli biomedical industry's exports amounted to $20 million. By 1984, the industry's exports rose to $250 million and it is expected that by the end of the 1980s, Israeli companies will be selling $500 million worth of medical hardware worldwide.

In addition to the large numbers of physicians working in the field, the success of the industry can be attributed to the close cooperation between technologists and the medical community. Non-existent is the undesirable "Linen Curtain" (a term used to describe constant friction between physicians and engineers.) Add to this harmonious partnership the computer expert and you have the core of Israel's advanced technology efforts.

The world market is beginning to feel the impact of Israeli companies like Elscint, for example, the largest manufacturer of medical equipment in Israel. The company, which registers annual sales surpassing $150 million, has developed a full line of computerized axial tomographs (imaging from different angles to enable more thorough study of internal organs) and is among the world's pioneers in the application of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (a concept which involved passing the patient through a magnetic field to give a clearer picture of internal tissues.)

Laser system for Sadat

When Israel's former president Yitzhak Navon visited Egypt after the signing of the Camp David Accords, he presented President Anwar Sadat with a Sharplan laser system. Since then, Laser Industries has won international renown for its surgical laser systems and now commands 30% of the United States carbon dioxide medical laser market.

The latest innovation at Laser Industries is a low power laser beam to weld severed tissue together; as a result, fertility-restoring operations stand a better chance of succeeding because the delicate stitching of fallopian tubes is done by a laser beam instead of suturing needles which may damage tissue.

The new, low-powered laser beam is also being utilized by Israeli scientists at Tel Aviv University in Israel's fight against heart disease, the number 1 killer. Researchers at Tel Aviv University's School of Physics and Astronomy have developed a technique which could be a safe, non-surgical alternative to the heart bypass operation. An optical fibre in a catheter is inserted into the diseased artery up to the point of blockage. A laser beam is carried by the fiber through the artery, literally vaporizing the obstruction, permitting a resumption of normal blood flow.

Cardiac Care Units in Haifa has developed a device called "COMPAS" (Computerized -Patient Alarm System.) It receives and processes three ECG signals simultaneously through electrodes attacked to the patient's body. It weighs 480 grams and strapped to the patient's waist, it can detect, diagnose and alert the patient audibly and visually to abnormalities in heart beats as well as evaluating the efficiency of various medications taken by the patient.

At the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, a team of researchers has developed a computerized model of the human heart — part of a larger system which will be able to give a computer simulation of a patient's heart after a brief examination. Information derived from the model could then be used to predict a patient's heart function when subjected to stress, or be treated experimentally on the model to predict the best care to prevent a recurring attack.

Another field in which Israelis have made great strides is in diagnostic kits. Researchers at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have developed a device which uses ultrasound in a new way for diagnosis of blood flow problems. The device can supply a "dynamic fingerprint" of the circulatory system including the smallest blood vessels. Existing ultrasound equipment can show the shape of large blood vessels and measure the blood within them, but it cannot give a reading of fluctuations in the blood supply in blood vessels smaller than one-half-millimeter in diameter. The new device can detect fluctuations in fluid-volume in soft tissues at the level of these tiny blood vessels and provide doctors with information vital to deal with circulatory disorders such as hypertension and arteriosclerosis.

Two Israeli firms have recently come out with cancer diagnostic kits. Bio Yeda in Rehovot, has developed a way to detect and classify cancer accurately, cheaply and quickly. Antibodies are applied to suspect tissue sections in the lab and the technicians study the reactions of these antibodies which give important information allowing an earlier and more accurate detection of secondary growths in cancer patients.

A large cancer treatment centre in the United States is already using and testing a cancer detection kit manufactured by Lev Scientific Industries in Tel Aviv. Based on a correlation between the growth of certain enzymes in urine and the growth of cancer cells, the Lev kit requires less than 0.5 cubic centimeters or urine. The kit, called URILEV, enables a laboratory to determine the effectiveness of a cancer patient's treatment, allowing the physician to adjust the medication accordingly.

Israeli doctors have become well versed in dealing with burn victims due to the five wars that Israel has experienced. Plastic surgeons in Israel now use an artificial skin called Omiderm, developed by Omikron Ltd. in Rehovot. A thin, plastic, transparent sheet (looking somewhat like commercial plastic for covering and wrapping food) is sent to a nearby nuclear reactor and blasted with gamma rays which rearranges the molecular structure of the material, resulting in strips of plastic which "breathe" and protect like real skin. Omiderm adheres protectively to the wetness of the wounded area, eliminates much of the pain and can easily and painlessly be peeled away by a nurse or physician.

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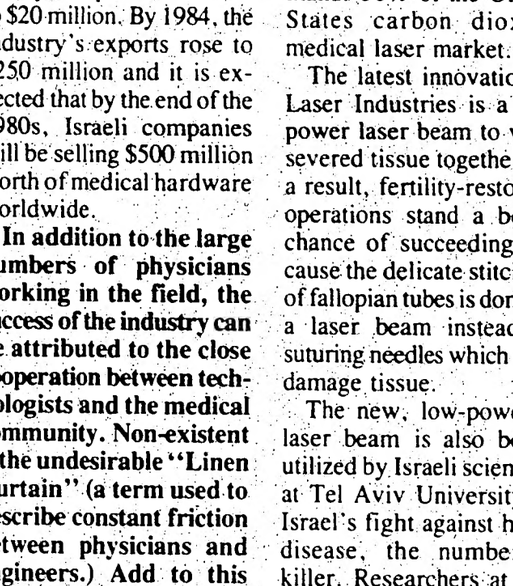

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Montrealer praises school

College offers Judaica, high tech

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — What natural resources are to Canada's export industry, high technology is to Israel's. Helping to provide Israel and the Diaspora with this valuable resource is the Jerusalem College of Technology.

"It combines the two important facets of Jewish life — Judaica in Israel with a professional career in high technology," says electro-optical engineer Jeff Weiss, 25, a graduate of JCT who currently lives in Toronto.

The college is an accredited academic institute which specializes in training engineers in applied sciences and technology for the production of high-tech industrial products.

At present there are departments of computer science, electronics, material science, industrial management, accountancy and business administration and applied physics and electro-optics. Weiss said he chose the latter program due to his interest in physics.

Weiss, a native of Montreal, said he decided to move to Israel to continue his education at Yeshivat Hakotel in Jerusalem, after attending Hebrew Academy day school, as it provided him with an excellent opportunity for him to continue his Judaic studies. He then went on to JCT from 1977 to 1982 where he specialized in electro-optics.

"I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge in an up-and-coming field," said Weiss. "I also gained a lot of discipline and expertise."

While at the college, Weiss was involved in developing an oximeter, an instrument designed to detect the concentration of oxygen in the choroid of a premature baby's eye. This project was done in cooperation with the ophthalmology department of Hadassah Hospital and is part of JCT's curriculum.

At the college every third year student is assigned an original research project which has potential industrial application. The projects are supervised by faculty members, sometimes jointly with experts from industry and ususally extend over a five or six month period.

Weiss said his undergraduate studies were very useful in his current position as project manager of the Star Tracker project at Moniteq Ltd. in Toronto. The project is involved in designing a space craft attitude sensor for the space station program, he said.

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The young boys who find their way to the B'nai B'rith Women Children's Home in Bayit Vegan (a suburb of Jerusalem) have already lived a lifetime worth of troubles.

Although they are only 8 to 14 years old, many of them have suffered emotionally since infancy. For these disturbed yongsters, the home is often the last stop in a long road of treatment in other institutions.

But the home's remarkable record of success — an unmatched recovery rate of well over 70% — has meant that in the past four decades, more than 1,000 young people have been given a new start.

The Children's Home was founded in Jerusalem in 1943 to provide residential care for the first shattered children of the Holocaust to reach Israel.

The boys in the program live in the home for five to six years being cared for in a unique program. The child care workers have a deep level of dedication to the home and the boys and this is reflected in their willingness to commit themselves to a 5-year stay at the Home.

Unfortunately, some of the boys are not able to "graduate" from the home at 14 and as a result the group house for boys 14-17 years of age was opened in 1971.

The group house was adopted as a project of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada and is known as Canada Group House.

Although the group house was originally created to give the boys a place to live while making the transition to the outside world, the high recovery rate at the children's home has turned the group house into an independent resource, accepting referrals in treating adolescents from throughout the country.

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"Arabs need us as an enemy"

Syria seen as most dangerous enemy of Israel

By
LEN BUTCHER

TEL AVIV —

Eli Bar-Lev, a retired army veteran, is tired of war. He's tired of the killing of young men and women. After serving in the Haganah, he joined the Israeli army in 1948, serving first in the infantry, then in intelligence and has been involved in all of Israel's wars.

All he wants is peace, but as we sit in his comfortable apartment with his charming wife Henni on a bright, sunny Saturday afternoon, he doesn't think this will happen. At least not in his lifetime.

"Israel," says Bar-Lev, "will always provide a good reason for the Arabs to solve their internal problems. They need Israel as an enemy. So if we give this back or that back, it doesn't mean we will have peace."

The 60-year-old Bar-Lev admits that no one thought Israel would ever have peace with Egypt, "but then came Sadat and since peace with Egypt was made, not one soldier has been killed on the Israel-Egypt border."

But he says he doesn't know how long it will last.

"Jordan would like to have peace with Israel but Hussein is worried about the Palestinians coming. The trouble is that none of the Arab countries want the Palestinians, because if they did we could have had peace a long time ago.

"They don't need this piece of land where we live. It's absolutely ridiculous to speak of a Palestinian state between Jordan and Israel.

"Why do you think the Arabs have always kept them in refugee camps, living like animals? Because they knew if they let them out they would go into the Arab countries and never leave and no one wants them."

Eli Bar-Lev and wife Henni in their Tel Aviv apartment surrounded by paintings by Israeli artists.

Although Bar-Lev sees the PLO as a threat, he puts Syria at the top of the list of Israel's most dangerous enemies.

"They have always been a threat and up until 1967 in the Golan Heights where they held the high ground, they would shoot with rifles into the kibbutzim, killing the people that lived there.

"But the kibbutzniks held fast," he says proudly, "because every inch you pull back, the border follows. Then in 1967 we pushed them back to Damascus, but didn't go in because we didn't want that on our heads. But the Syrians have never forgotten that beating."

And Syrians hatred of the Israelis has given the Soviets a chance to move in, says Bar-Lev.

"You can't imagine the amount and types of weapons and airplanes that have been supplied by the Russians. The Syrians now have an enormous number of missiles."

Despite this almost unlimited arsenal, Bar-Lev doesn't believe that Syria will take on Israel alone.

"Syria is a small country and even with their large arsenal, they know we will win and that they would suffer very heavy casualties.

"We are strong militarily and ready for any attack."

Does Israel count on the United States or any other allies to help them in case of war?

Bar-Lev smiles.

"We know that we can only depend on ourselves. We can't depend on someone to come and fight for us. On the contrary, we are doing the work for others.

"Let's face it. Nobody is supporting us because they love Israel. There is a reason for that support and a price we have to pay if we accept it."

When asked about the help from the United States, Bar-Lev admits that without her help, "it would be a catastrophe, because we need the tools to fight. But for sure we don't need any foreign army to come and help us.

"We have a small country of 4 million surrounded by 100 million Arabs.

"The difference is that the Jewish head is working. We have to be better, so we train better and find better ways to do things. Our pilots are the best in the world.

"And most of all we have motivation and that is the difference between us and any other country.

"The situation here is that, God forbid, if we lose one battle, we lose Israel."

I asked Bar-Lev how he feels about charges that Israelis kill innocent civilians when carrying out retaliatory raids against their enemies?

"When we retaliate, it's on a specific military target, but the Arabs are smart and place their headquarters in the middle of civilians, knowing that if we conduct a raid against them, chances are civilians will be killed and world opinion will turn against us.

"The problem is that you can't have your cake and eat it too. For them to kill our people — innocent people — both in and out of Israel, cannot go unchallenged.

"Once we had to retaliate in Beirut. When we checked it out, we found that civilians occupied the main floor and the PLO were on the second, third and fourth floors, so we had to get those civilians out and then go up and bomb the top floors.

"We do everything in our power to evacuate civilians from the area of our target, but it is not always possible without giving away our plan."

On life in Israel, Bar-Lev says the most pressing internal problem is unemployment. "In order to keep people here, we must have work for them and unemployment also causes a lot of social problems."

He says, however that there is work for everybody, "but many of the Jews don't want to work at menial jobs because to them, it's not worth it. So we have 60,000 Arab workers crossing the line every day to work in Israel."

The number of Arabs in the West Bank is also another reason "we don't want it to be a part of Israel," says Bar-Lev.

"Our growth rate in population is about zero while the Arabs keep multiplying. If given the vote they would soon control the country politically and have the majority in the Knesset. It's a dangerous situation."

"We need another 5 million Jews in Israel, but I realize that making aliya is not easy. It is difficult to do, especially if you come from Canada or the United States where you enjoy a high standard of living.

"You must be willing to sacrifice. I know I wouldn't like to live in another country, but for someone who is an idealist or wants to give their children a Jewish life and doesn't want them to intermarry and who wants to keep their people together, then it's not so difficult."

He points out some of the advantages of living in Israel.

"The social life here is excellent, better than in North America. Everyone can afford the culture and here, a party is a party.

"In your country," he laughs, "you call a dinner a party. There is always something happening here, whether it be politics or whatever.

"And the most important thing is that as a Jew, this is the place to live. You never have to worry that some day someone will turn on you for being a Jew."

Bar-Lev, who after 25 years in the army, went into the travel business "thanks to President Chaim Herzog," one of Bar-Lev's army commanders, is concerned about tourism. "It's hurting us and it shouldn't be happening.

"There is no safer place to come to than to Israel and you have everything here that makes for a perfect holiday. The weather, the sights, the history, the people, the sea, culture, nightlife — you name it, Israel has it."

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Gymnast takes aim at Olympic Games

TORONTO —

You might as well aim for the top. That appears to be the attitude Richard Smith is adopting when it comes to planning his future.

Smith, at the tender age of 16, already has his sights set on the Olympic Games. And he's not just whistling in his beer, er, coke, when he sets his goals that high.

You see, Smith recently earned a 2nd place finish at the Canadian National Gymnastics Championships, Novice Division in Chicoutimi, Que. (CJN June 12).

And with nine years of gymnastics experience already behind him, coupled with a lot of sweat, hard work and good coaching, Smith thinks he can make the Canadian team at the 1992 Olympics.

Smith has been a member of the Ontario novice team for quite a few years now — since 1982 — he says, and he participates in 5 or 6 gymnastics events each year.

Last summer he was the youngest competitor on the Canadian men's team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, and helped the team to a bronze medal finish.

Smith is considering putting his vaulting, tumbling and swinging talents to use in helping him get an education. He's weighing the possibility of applying for a gymnastics scholarship at an American university.

In the U.S., he says, there are a lot more competitions and more of an opportunity to work on complete routines. In Canada, by contrast, gymnasts have more time to work on "moves," the spectacular, death-defying flips, twists and turns that top gymnasts execute with apparent ease.

But being a nationally-ranked gymnast doesn't come easily. Smith works at his sport 3½ hours a day, 6 days a week. His best events are rings and high bar, but you have to be good at everything, the Thornhill resident says.

A one-time student at Associated Hebrew Schools, Smith now attends Earl Haig Secondary School's elite sport program for gifted athletes.

His South African-born parents, Eva and Bernard Smith, encourage and support him, says Richard. With his full training regimen, his ambition and a little luck, Richard Smith's name may be one you'll be hearing in the future.

P.L.

Racquetballer ponders future

Greenfeld slams way to top

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Where do you go when you're already at the top?

That's the query confronting racquetball ace Sherman Greenfeld, the Winnipeg native who for the second year in a row, is Canada's top racquetball player.

Greenfeld was the winner at the recent Canadian National Racquetball Championship in Toronto, the last stop on an 8-city Canadian pro tour that doubles as the national championship.

Greenfeld bested about 25 other young athletes to recapture the top spot he first gained in 1985. He's been rated Manitoba's top racquetballer for the past eight years — he hasn't lost a racquetball match in Manitoba in six years — and he's won the Manitoba Open Squash championships the past two years.

Quite a heady record for a 24-year-old who makes his living smacking a little rubber ball against a wall.

The Winnipeg YMHA recently recognized his accomplishments by nominating him Jewish Athlete of the Year at their annual dinner.

For seven months during the year, Greenfeld joins a cross-country pro tour and plays for cash. In Canada, however, a purse at a tournament can run from $6 to $8,000, with first prize ranging only from $1,500 to $2,000.

Greenfeld says he can earn about $13,000 per year through tournaments, though richer purses are available on the U.S. pro tour. Of course, competition is much fiercer in the tough U.S. market, though the top four in the Excited States can make a decent living, Greenfeld says.

When he's not busy playing in tournaments in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg or Saint John, Greenfeld is busy providing individual lessons at the Court Sports Club in Winnipeg's south end. He also gives group clinics and teaches at racquetball camps during the summer months when the pro tour shuts down.

So far, Greenfeld enjoys the travel and meeting people across the country. But he's already busy planning for his future. He acknowledges "you can't make a living" in Canada playing racquetball, so he's been working towards an education degree.

His major is biology, his minor, geography, and he expects to complete his degree next year. Greenfeld expects he'll eventually "become a full-fledged high school teacher," but he doesn't intend to give up his racquet sports. "I'll quit when I lose my intensity," he says, though he adds he feels he's not yet reached his playing peak.

For Greenfeld, it all started more than a few summers ago, when a friend introduced him to the sport. That summer, he

Sherman Greenfeld

recalls, he spent 6 to 7 hours a day practicing, honing his skills. At age 20 he was ready to join the pro tour.

Greenfeld says he's been into sports all his life. He's played soccer and hockey in the past, and still on occasion plays a casual game of slow pitch baseball, golf and scrub hockey.

A resident of Winnipeg's south end (it's not his fault he's not a north-ender), Greenfeld attended Ramah Hebrew School and then Grant Park High School.

If and when Greenfeld decides to make teaching a full-time career, there's the possibility another young Jewish athlete will take on the mantle as top racquetballer in Canada. Fifteen-year-old Ari Posner, also of Winnipeg, "is coming along strong," says Greenfeld. He has "a lot of potential and could be one of the top players."

If he does, that will continue a tradition started by Lindsay Myers, who was ranked No. 1 for six years and who is now president of the Canadian Professional Racquetball Association.

Danielle Levine, 13, is another youngster with potential, says Greenfeld, and he points out that in the U.S. quite a few Jews are top racquetball players. In fact, he says, a few years ago, seven of the top 15 were Jewish.

This summer, Greenfeld will likely ponder his future. And he'll enjoy a beautiful location in which to do so. For the second year in a row, he's won a trip to Australia, courtesy of CP Air, for being the country's top overall champ.

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Young athletes sought

Help! The Toronto contingent to the Maccabi Youth Games, Aug. 15 21, needs help in filling out its girls' track and field roster.

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PARIS (AP) — Christian Lacroix, designer for the house of Patou, was awarded the Golden Thimble for his 1986 summer couture collection.

The prize was awarded by Bernadette Chirac, wife of Paris mayor Jacques Chirac, in the ornately gilded ballroom at city hall.

This was the 10th anniversary of the prize, awarded twice yearly to the couturier who has shown the most elegant and creative collection.

Lacroix, Patou's head designer for the last four years, was admired by the jury of 22 fashion journalists for his striking and younger approach to couture.

Models wore some of his short black-and-white outfits topped by wild and big hats at the ceremony.

Many past recipients of the prize were on hand to take a bow on the podium with models wearing their latest creations.

Madame Cres, the great lady of French fashion, won the first Golden Thimble in 1976.

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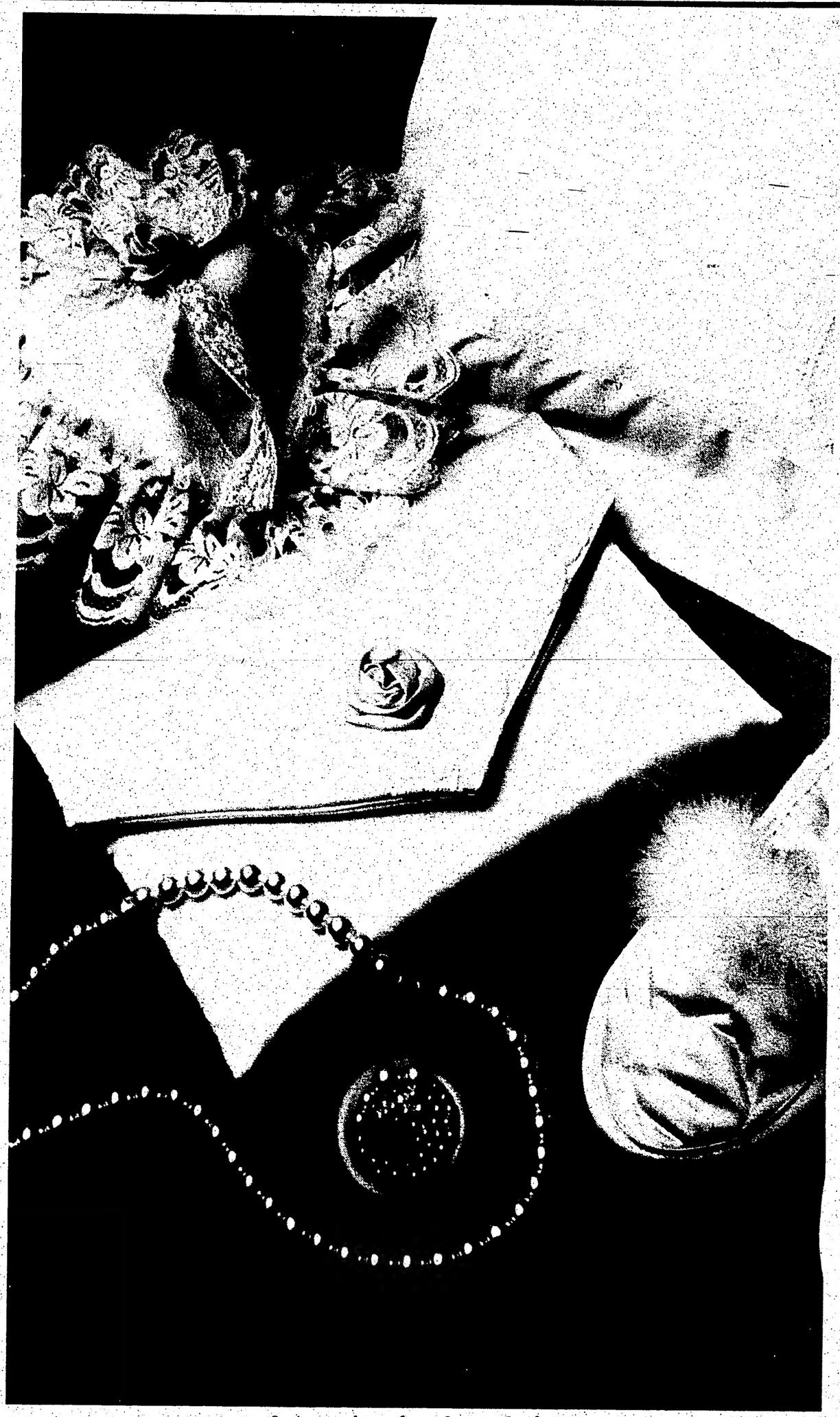

Satin products from Secret Garden.

Sweet scent of style

By LORI SMITH

Women who live and work in a hi-tech world often find themselves longing for the romance, femininity and beauty more closely associated with other eras.

A duo of Toronto giftware designers has created items for the modern woman that evoke those eras and those feelings.

Secret Garden is the brainchild of Wendy Gold, Syrl Gold and David Youngson. Gold and Gold are the designers of the company's lace and satin-embellished, scented products. Youngson is the business and sales partner.

Together they have created a company which, in its fourth year, is selling in 1,400 stores across Canada, in stores in the U.S. including a shop on Beverly Hills' famed Rodeo Drive and in Japan. Stores can't get enough of their ultra-feminine, ultra-romantic products.

Adelle Stone, a representative of Chen; Sam and Stone, the public relations firm that represents Secret Garden, explains that the two Golds, who have each been in the giftware business 10 years, decided four years ago that there was a need for feminine gift accessory items that smelled beautiful and yet were functional.

"So they came up with the Secret Garden line which started with sachets in every size and color and now includes satin toiletry bags, lace organizers, satin pillowcases, scented cushions, scented stationery, costume jewelry and now detachable collars."

The items created and manufactured by the company are extremely beautiful. A hanging lace lingerie organizer is exquisite. A sachet-filled, satin and lace bound hanger is guaranteed to give the user a feeling of being pampered. A sachet-trimmed lingerie bag will keep this year's beautiful undergarments fresh and scented.

The whole collection is Victorian. Perhaps not precisely in design but most definitely in attitude. It goes back to a time when things were softer — more genteel.

The new collars illustrate this very well. With the closing of a pearl button a very modern T-shirt or modern, simple blouse becomes a Ralph Lauren or a Laura Ashley creation. They are the perfect accessory for the safari-inspired, Out of Africa looks.

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Fashion

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Danskin gives variety to their exercise clothes

By
LORI SMITH

Getting in shape can be an onerous task at any time of the year, but with swimsuit season fast approaching, it takes on a whole new rather desperate, absolutely necessary perspective.

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The Cotton Moving Parts collection comes in energy yellow, endurance blue, fitness red, aerobic orange and workout green.

Maureen O'Mahoney, a partner of Aldridge and Associates, which represents Danskin, a well-known line of dance, exercise and swimwear, says that cotton is still liked by a large group of women because of its breathability.

The collection also includes oversized T-shirts, ribbed turtleneck leotard and a cap sleeve leotard with its own belt. It is meant to be mixed and matched.

Other groupings include Body Tech, a collection of sleek, shiny garments in black combined with lime rickey and blue breeze and in a pearl blossom combo with cantaloupe cooler and pink lemonade; Lots of Dots, a group with garments featuring dots of various sizes; Teamworks II, a sporty collection of clothes with racing stripes and also New Traditions, a preppy group that features a Lacoste-look leotard in white, endurance blue and fitness red.

Mahoney says that she thinks that Danskin is number one in the fashion development of exercise clothes. "In terms of silhouette and colors Danskin is doing more exciting things than they have ever done this spring. They are avant garde and are leading the pack."

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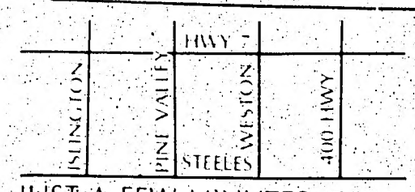

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Fashion

Crossover look important

Toronto firm puts fashion and fun into swimwear

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

The Rose Marie Reid and Dotti swim and beachwear collections offer something for everyone.

Manufactured and distributed by Murray Kates Inc. of Toronto, the swim and beachwear lines have everything from the briefest black bikini woven with gold sparkles, to an ankle length 1-size caftan in white, black, fueshia, blue or yellow.

"Swimwear is meant to be fun and we want to make sure we have a suit or outfit for everyone to go out and have a good time in," says sales representative Joan Hill.

The crossover look, she says, is very important this year for those women looking for a slimming effect and points to a black suit with a beige and black crossover and a belt-like strap around the waist from the Dotti collection. "This suit is helpful to obtain the slimmer look."

Those looking for the briefer swimsuit will be happy to note that the bikini is quite big this year.

"We have a strapless bikini in black with a red, green and yellow print, or a bandeau bikini in an orange, green and yellow print. Women who are a little more modest can wear the modified bikini or regular 2-piece swimsuit," Hill says.

Swimsuits and matching skirts are also an important trend this summer. A cotton skirt in a Mexican print of black, gold, orange and white with a black tie-belt can be matched with a bikini, a strapless 1-piece suit or a 1-shouldered suit with a crossover black belt. With the 1-piece suits the skirt makes an outfit that a woman can wear to many informal occasions.

Murray Kates says that novelty fabrics such as animal prints, tone on tone striping and glitter are very important this summer. He shows a 1-piece suit with a zebra print on one side and a leopard print on the other. "This is a very slimming print." All the fabrics are from Italy.

"There has been a tremendous resurgence of glitter," Kates says, and it is appearing in all types of suits and coverups.

Those looking for after swimwear can turn to the Dotti collection for a variety of coverups, cotton skirts, blouses and pants.

A strapless puckered look sundress in such colors as raspberry, orange, white with a contrasting belt, or a royal blue and black sundress with thin shoulder straps can take a woman almost anywhere all summer long.

Big shirt coverups from the Rose Marie Reid collection come in a variety of prints and colors and often have matching swimsuits.

The Rose Marie Reid and Dotti collections are available in department stores and specialty shops across Canada.

Swimsuit and coverup from Rose Marie Reid. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Selina summer collection has body-conscious look

The Selina collection for summer predicates a season of shape-conscious cotton sheaths and shirtdresses plus city-smart 50s-style full-skirted sundresses.

Also in the Selina line: a range of separates comprised of shorts and pedal-pushers, skirts that boast a tailored sense of brevity and a variety of "big shirts" that work both as jackets and comfortable coverups.

Included in Selina's summer collection — a petite range of dresses.

Shirtdresses — This is the summer of the shapelier shirtdresses with waists being tighter, belting bolder, bodices more voluminous, skirts straighter.

Pockets are a design detail — and are used to direct attention to the hip or to create extra dimensions to the bodice.

A strong feature here — carefully rendered back detail of the kind that utilizes pockets, buckles and D-rings in newly fashionable silver or pewter. Available in petite sizes.

The Sheath — Essentially stark, body defining, sheaths are an important silhouette for summer.

This classic shape is skin revealing, body defining. The detail here: back-fastening buttons, cut-away shoulders.

Fifties-style sundresses — The tighter "princess-line" bodice makes an 80s comeback in 1-piece cotton twill sundresses or in a polka-dotted 2-piece statement in which the bodice clings, the skirt flirts with the ankle.

Cycling short — A to-the-knee tube of a cotton short. To be worn tight with a deal of urban bravado.

Walking short — Another short option. Front-pleated, these are wider, stridier, shorter. Altogether airier than the cycling short but no less brave.

Pedalpusher — Chic in black with matching safari-style jacket. In less-than-subtle fuchsia, these pedal-pushers harken back to the time of pony-tails, sneakers, the soda bar.

Minimal skirts — The less-is-more skirt. Short, straight and no-nonsense, these skirts are tailored to the body.

The shell — Tight, polka-dotted, back-fastening and sleeveless cotton shell. Streetsmart and chic in one easy go.

Coverups — Watch for a range of longer tops. Graphic in essence (look for the deftly fashioned high-button collars), shirt-shape, cardigan-loose or structured and safari-style, these are the shapes Selina has chosen to top the dresses, the separates.

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Entertainment at its best

High praise goes to cast in Tarragon's Pal Joey

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Pal Joey, the 1940 comedy musical by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, has come to Toronto, and theatre goers have every reason to be extremely pleased with the production mounted by Tarragon Theatre.

Pal Joey, which originally opened on Broadway, has been a hit whenever it has been revived. And Tarragon's version, directed by Larry Lillo with verve and wit, is simply excellent.

Everyone in the cast deserves the highest of praise.

Robert Ashley's musical direction is faultless, while Valerie Moore's choreography is exuberant. Ken McDonald's sets, evoking the moody, Art Deco Chicago skyline, are great, considering the fact that Tarragon's stage is so small.

Two actors stand out in a distinguished cast — Morris Panych as Joey Evans and Martha Henry as Vera Simpson.

Joey is an amiable, carefree creature who lives for the moment and who dedicates his life to the attainment of instant gratification.

He is naive and guileless, but mercenary enough to recognize the main chance. The opportunity knocking on his door is Vera Simpson, a smart, elegant socialite of a certain age who is attracted to verile, slightly disreputable young men. Joey entices her into his lair and they set out on a relationship that owes its existence to lust, opportunism and adventure.

Morris Panych gets into Joey's skin exceedingly well, putting on a powerful, totally convincing performance.

Martha Henry, making her musical comedy debut, is marvellous. Her singing voice is just passable, but her acting ability is towering. She is a precious asset to theatre in Canada.

William Webster, in his twin-roles as Mike Spears' the club owner and deputy commisioner O'Brien, makes an impressive contribution.

The chorus line, consisting of Judy Marshak, Cynthia Dale, Marlane O'Brien, June Garba and Sharon Heldt, keeps an audience riveted and bewitched. They're all good, but we particularly liked Marshak and Dale, both of whom are usually attired in Phillip Clarkson's skimpy, suggestive costumes that evoke a free-spirited gaiety.

The songs of Rodgers and Hart, from You Mustn't Kick It Around and Happy Hunting Horn to The Flower Garden of My Heart and Zip, are wonderful and frothy.

What is so amazing about Pal Joey is that it never lags and never disappoints for as much as a minute.

Pal Joey, which runs until June 29, is entertainment at its very best.

It shouldn't be missed.

Marlene O'Brien (left), Sharon Heldt, Morris Panych, Judy Marshak, Cynthia Dale, June Garba, Kevin McGugan and William Webster (right) in Pal Joey at Tarragon Theatre.

Dialogue, direction die in this film

TORONTO —

The Berlin Affair invites jeers and snickers.

Now playing at the Carlton, it must be one of the silliest, most contrived films ever to appear in Toronto.

Liliana Cavani's film, based on a novel by Junichiro Tanizaki, squanders what little capital it has with a ridiculously inept script that may become a classic of camp.

There is nothing wrong whatsoever with the theme. In fact, it has limitless dramatic possibilities. But, in the hands of Cavani, The Berlin Affair collapses in an embarrassing heap.

The film unfolds in Nazi Germany, in the late 1930s, against the backdrop of a tragic menage a trois.

In the studio of a stuffy art academy in Berlin, the aristocratic Louise Von Hollendorf (Gudrun Landgrebe) notices Mitsuko (Mio Takaki), an exquisitely pretty and exotic Japanese woman in kimino and slippers.

Against her better judgment, Louise has a torrid love affair with Mitsuko, daughter of the Japanese ambassador.

Despite an absence of nudity, the love scenes are quite explicit. Not since *Desert Hearts* have we seen such a candid depiction of lesbianism.

The tension in The Berlin Affair arises from the fact that Louise's husband, Heinz (Kevin McNally), resents their budding relationship. He resents it because it is interfering with his own love life and because it may ruin his career in the foreign ministry.

As it happens, Louise's affair with Mitsuko is like a slender thread. For before you know it, Heinz is competing with Louise for her affections.

Being rational people, Louise and Heinz overcome their natural jealousies and decide to share Mitsuko!

This domestic arrangement, whether plausible or not, seems unbelievable as conveyed in The Berlin Affair.

Worse still, the dialogue is incredibly bad, setting new standards for mediocrity.

The performers, being trapped by a terrible script, can only go through the motions.

Gudrun Landgrebe, the fine German actress with beautiful, luminous green eyes, rarely gets off the ground.

Kevin McNally appears stiff throughout. Mio Takaki is like a female version of Peter Lorre — mysterious, aloof and unreal.

Beyond a few perfunctory scenes, there is no effort on the part of the director to evoke the atmosphere of Nazi Germany. The Berlin Affair has the artificial look of a film made almost entirely in a studio.

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International Film Festival draws Getz, Mel Torme

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Stan Getz and Mel Torme will be the headliner Jewish jazz artists featured at the 2nd annual du Maurier International Jazz Festival from June 24-28 at various downtown Toronto spots.

Getz, one of the top saxophonists whose 30-year career has spanned all styles from Brazil's bossa nova to the avant garde, will perform with his quartet June 28 at 8 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre. Opening for Getz will be the Don D.T. Thompson Quintet.

Torme, jazz vocalist extraordinaire, will headline a triple-bill concert at Roy Thomson Hall June 24 at 8 p.m. which will also include Rob McConnell's Boss Brass with special guest drummer Phil Woods.

A tribute to Benny Goodman will take place June 27 at the Convention Centre with vibraphonist Peter Appleyard, Abe Most, Urbie Green, Billy Butterfield, Slam Stewart, Don Lamond, Bucky Pizzarelli and Hank Jones. And Toronto's trumpeter Fred Stone will share the bill with Japan's legendary Toshiko Akiyoshi Orchestra featuring Lew Tabackin June 25 at the same locale.

Most of the other concerts will be at smaller downtown jazz spots. Of these many events too numerous to list them all here, the most recommended is that of June 26 at the Diamond, 410 Sherbourne St., where Moe Koffman's quintet is to share the bill with that of Paquito d'Rivera.

This will do much to fill a gap long missing in the local jazz scene which has been a major sound in both New York and Montreal for decades: the exciting Puerto Rican impact.

Local Jewish jazz artists who will be performing at the local spots will include guitarist Lorne Lofsky at Zaidy's, 225 Queen St. W., June 24-28 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., and pianist Mark Eisenman alternating at the Bangkok Gardens and Elmwood Club, both at 18 Elm St. that same week. For further information call 868-0035

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Beth Emeth's production of Grandmother's Dream (Der Bobe Cholem) should have aroused standing ovations. This Yiddish operetta based on folk classics by Mark Varshavsky (who wrote Oifn Pripitchik) had a poignant script which was sensitively-yet-subtly narrated by Rose Kashtan.

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, and Zemer Chorale, under the leadership of William Phillips, has never sounded so polished, with meticulous attention given to phrasing and dynamics. Its membership has been enhanced by such people as the expert jazz singer Honey Novick.

Of the soloists, Esther Ghan-Firestone's majestic strong soprano provided dramatic depth while Cantor Benjamin Maissner assumed a major solo role.

Then why, except towards the end, was there such a draggy feeling of slow melancholia? The fault lay mostly in the piano stylings of Lina Zemelman.

While she is a fine classicist, her piano accompaniment lacked the earthier folk imprint necessary in order to authentically convey the earthy pathos of shtetl life of which this operetta is about. A sense of from-the-gut improvisation is required here which she did not possess.

Thus, too many of the slow, bittersweet-sad passages, thanks to her simplistic, wooden style, rather than evoking thoughtful compassion as indicated by the script, instead evoked boredom. Too bad.

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The Israel Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta evoked standing ovation at this year's Naples Festival. Vladimir Ashkenazy conducted the Royal Philharmonic and there was also two evenings of songs of Berthold Brecht.

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Arts

Leon Major riding high

Jewish, New York comedy seen as one and the same

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Question: What's the difference between Jewish comedy and New York comedy?

Answer: None, if the comedy is written by Broadway's master of the bellylaugh, Neil Simon.

That's the considered opinion of Leon Major, the Jewish director-producer of *The Sunshine Boys*, which opened recently for a 12-week run at the Young People's Theatre, co-starring veteran Toronto actors Douglas Rain and Bernard Behrens.

Its author, of course, is Neil Simon, and his classic Broadway comedy hit deals with two feuding Jewish vaudevilleans who haven't spoken a word to each other since they retired as a comedy team a decade ago.

"Sure, there are no Myron Cohen-type Yiddish jokes in the show, so you can't call it Yiddish humor," Major said last week in a CJN interview.

So why does he persist in defining it as a Jewish comedy?

"Two reasons," he said. "It deals with the New Yorkers, and New York jokes are automatically Jewish jokes.

"Also, in the rabbinical tradition, it's loaded with questions answered by questions. One guy asks: 'How are you?' The other guy answers: 'How should I be?'

"I ask you: What can be more Jewish than that?"

The CJN reporter then retaliated by posing this question: How would Major define the humor in *Man And Superman*, the Bernard Shaw play which opened recently at the Shaw Festival under his direction?

The 53-year-old director, a cuddly teddy bear of a man with a droopy gray-flecked moustache and black-rimmed specs, laughed.

"Both have dry wit"

"They both have a dry wit," he said. "And since Shaw was an Irishman who loved poking fun at Englishmen, he and Simon both have in common the wry, defensive humor of survivors. So what else do you want to ask me?"

Considering that Major is making something of a comeback in his home town, after having served for 11 stormy years as artistic director of Toronto Arts Productions at the St. Lawrence Centre, he was asked: "How are you feeling these days?"

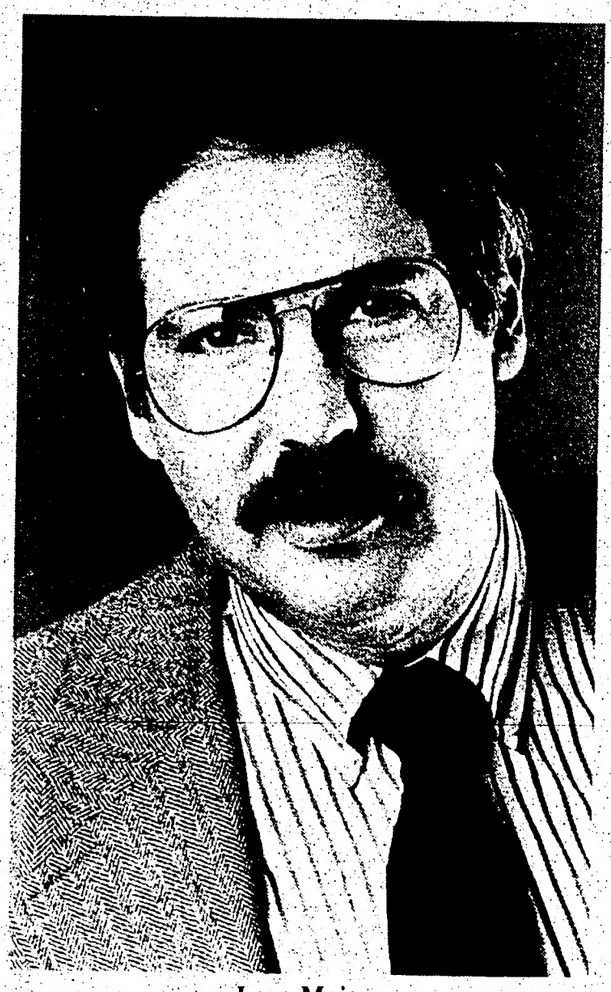
"Terrific!" he answered and then immediately tacked on a question: "Why not? Here I am, director of a great comedy. I'm working with two top Canadian pros, alternating in the lead roles.

"I'm co-producer of my own theatrical company, Gemstone Productions Limited. We had a terrific critical and commercial hit in *The Dining Room*, which toured across Canada and ran for 11 summertime weeks at the St. Lawrence Centre.

"And for two years now I've been teaching theatre at York University. I love teaching, with the title no less than 'professor of theatre.' What's not to feel terrific about? My poppa would be proud."

Indeed, he undoubtedly would. His father, Sam Major, was an immigrant tailor from the shtetl of Preluk near Kiev, Russia, an ardent Socialist as well as an opera and theatre devotee.

His mother, Sara, from a shtetl in the Ukraine, was also arts-minded as well as a gifted cook whose knishes, chicken soup and mandelbroit are fondly recalled by Major as culinary works of art.



Leon Major

Their son was the only Jewish youngster on the Queen St. W. block, where his parents ran the Sunnyside Specialties women's wear shop. He remembers being beaten up "irregularly" by local toughs, but retaliating with a doughty neighborhood gang made up of a miniature UN of ethnic types.

Major was attracted to the theatre through a boyhood dream of becoming a concert pianist. The turning point in his life came when he was a teenager at Parkdale Collegiate and his Latin teacher, "Mr. Nation, of blessed memory," lent Major and a fellow student named Stan Daniels $200 to stage a musical revue titled *Fall Fantasy* at the Royal Ontario Museum Theatre.

Although the cast performed out of love for the theatre, Mr. Nation was repaid his investment.

Daniels went on to become the Hollywood-based scriptwriter for the *Taxi* TV comedy series. And Major, after graduating from University of Toronto under the drama tutelage of Robert Gill, went on to become a teenage *wunderkind* of the Canadian theatre, founding and directing plays for the Neptune Theatre in Halifax.

Looking back on his career, Major says with dry understatement that it costs a trifle more than $200 to stage a Toronto production nowadays.

"It cost Gemstone $125,000 to produce *The Sunshine Boys*," he says. "The actors get paid now. And I'm praying we'll be able to pay back our backers and give them more than a bit of a profit on their investment."

He acknowledges that working backstage in the theatre is a dicey profession. But he loves it, as do three of his four children — Joshua, 24, a New York stage director; Rebecca, 23, a boxoffice coordinator at Harbourfront; and Naomi, a teenager studying theatre arts at Queens University in Kingston, Ont.

What are the emotional rewards of being a director?

"You get a terrific satisfaction from putting all the parts together, like working out an emotional jigsaw puzzle," he says. "And it's really terrific when you've put together a comedy, and on opening night you hear those laughs come pouring out from the audience in a Niagara Falls of laughter. What can be more terrific than that?"

The retelling of Dreyfus affair well worth reading

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Affair: The Case of Alfred Dreyfus, by Jean-Denis Bredin, Firefly Books ($30 (U.S.).

Is there anything new to be said about the Dreyfus case? It hardly seems likely. Over the years the bizarre turns and twists of this protracted event (10 years from the time Dreyfus was first sentenced in 1894 to his pardon in 1906) have become the basis for an entire corpus of literature. The case became one of the great causes celebres of modern times. It almost brought down the French Republic.

Accused of selling military secrets to the Germans, Captain Alfred Dreyfus was found guilty and sent to Devils Island off the coast of South America. He spent five years isolated and in chains.

Among the many who were convinced of his innocence was Emil Zola, France's most towering literary figure. J'Accuse, his indictment of the French political and military establishment published in a well known newspaper as an open letter addressed to the president of the Republic, was an international sensation. In fear of his life and with no desire to spend a year in prison (a verdict rendered by a jury hastily pressed into service by the minister of war) Zola fled to the safety of England.

The ugliest and most frightening aspect of the affair was the anti-semitism it brought to the surface. It was widely publicized that behind Dreyfus was a mysterious and powerful syndicate, organized by international Jewish interests to destroy France. Fantasies dredged up from the Middle Ages depicted the Jew in the popular press as a fat, hooked-nose moneylender. After a century of emancipation anti-semitism was still alive as a political and social force in French life. Most of the assimilated French Jews were confused and dismayed. Few of them chose to identify with Dreyfus.

In 1894, the first Dreyfus trial was covered for a Viennese newspaper by Theodor Herzl. He witnessed the military ceremony in which Dreyfus was degraded and heard the crowd screaming, "Death to the Jews." He wrote: "Where. In France. In Republican, modern civilized France, a hundred years after the Declaration of the Rights of Man." Disillusioned with the failure of assimilation he wrote his program for Jewish emancipation under the title The Jewish State. Eighteen months later the first Zionist congress met in Basel. In a very real sense the public reaction to the Dreyfus case was a catalyst for Herzl's thinking and action.

The effects of the affair were far-reaching and divisive. France never fully recovered. The retrogressive aristocracy, church authorities and the hidebound military never forgot their humiliation. Vichy France, in a distorted way, was a reactionary retaliation several generations later to the victory of the Dreyfusards.

The author is a French lawyer and historian. His exhaustive re-evaluation of every aspect of the case includes a summary of the several trials, an examination of the voluminous evidence and the background of the times. It is likely that this masterly and judicious re-telling of the entire episode will remain the definitive version for many years to come.

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By RON CSILLAG

Art Gallery of Ontario: Major exhibits include a retrospective by Harold Town, to July 6; drawings of North Baffin Island by Terry Ryan, to June 22; old master drawings to June 29; minimalist and conceptual art through Aug. 17; Picasso's only cubist sculpture, Head of a Woman, on view to Aug. 9. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: *The Famous:* A series of drawings by Harold Town, to June 21. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: A group showing by gallery artists, to June 28. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304. 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: Works by Ian Carr-Harris to June 19; new drawings by John Scott, to June 19; drawings and sculpture by Mary Janitch opens June 21. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

Columbus Centre Art Gallery: Paintings and sculpture by Spanish artists Chisco and Alicia, sponsored by the Spanish embassy, to June 22. 901 Lawrence Ave. W., 789-7011.

Del Bello Gallery: Acrylics and works on paper by Earla Alexander, to June 30. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

First Impressions Gallery: *Paperworks:* Original monoprints, collages and acrylics on paper by four artists; original silkscreen monoprints by gallery owner Mark Buck, to July 3. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Gallery Moos: Paintings by Jean-Pierre Riopelle, to June 25. 136 Yorkville., 922-0627.

Gallery NYAC: Landscapes by Atillo Buffa, to June 22. 7 Edithvale Dr., 225-4486.

Gallery Quan: Recent landscapes by Gerry Balcombe, to June 19. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Garnet Press: Litho Printing/Gallery: *Vicious Circles:* Mixed media drawings and paintings by Paul Collins; *Swamp Life*, an outdoor installation by Olive Kellhammer, to July 1. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica continues. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: Crystal sculptures by Bretislav Novak, to June 21. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Glendon Gallery: Sculptures by Stacey Spiegel, to June 22. 2275 Bayview Ave., 487-6206.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *Elements From Berlin:* Five artists from Berlin create works on site, to July 6; photographs by Roger Steele and Lynette Molnar in the photography gallery to July 6. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: Paintings of the Yukon by Ted Harrison, to June 24. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Interference Hologram Gallery: Color studies in lithography by Melissa Crenshaw, to June 27. 1179A King St. W., 535-2323.

Isaacs Gallery: Paintings by Lorne Wagman, to June 30. 832 Yonge St., 923-7301.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Sparks:* An exhibit showing how product designs progress from start to finish, to June 28. 900 Bay St., 965-6017.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Recent prints by Gene Chu; recent paintings by Jim Reid, both to July 10. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: The Pierre Pauli International Tapestry Collection from Switzerland; to mid-July. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-1880.

Marci Lipman Gallery: New works on paper by Ruth Adler, to June 20. 231 Avenue Rd., 922-7061.

Market Gallery: *Above it All: Ten Years of the CN Tower*, Paintings, drawings, cartoons and posters of the CN Tower in its anniversary year, to July 6. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: A collection of restored rail car wall paintings opens June 22; a retrospective by Angus Trudeau continues until August. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: *Objecthood: A Dichotomy*, an installation by two artists. 333 Adelaide W., 977-1412.

Mira Godard Gallery: Recent paintings by Michael Coyne, to June 25; prints by international artists, including David Hockney, Joan Miro and Henry Moore, to Aug. 30. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Nancy Poole's Studio: Sculptures by Susan Low-Beer to June 26. 16 Hazelton Ave., 964-9050.

Royal Ontario Museum: On July 5, a new gallery will open at the ROM, featuring over 2,000 artifacts by the ancient Greeks and Etruscans; newest exhibit is Canada's Handwoven Heritage, a collection of 19th and 20th century Canadian handweaving, to next January; Silver From the Growing Collections, an exhibit of 40 silver pieces, to October; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery to December; rare Jewish artifacts originating from Kaifeng, China, on indefinitely; Glimpses of Excellence, a collection of vases from the 1st century BC to the 16th century, on loan from Elie Borowski, to August; Buddhist and Hindu stone sculptures on indefinitely. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

S.L. Simpson Gallery: *Black Snake*, sculpture by Irene Xanthos, to June 28. 515 Queen St. W., 362-3738.

Studio Raab: Toronto's newest studio features sculpture and interior designs by Ernie Raab. 11 Bentworth Ave. 785-3417.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: *Paradise Now and Then:* New works by three sculptors, to July 4. 115 King St. E.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: New sculptures by Cynthia Short, to June 28. 80 Spadina, 364-8716.

Yaneff Gallery: Women as seen by various masters, including Picasso and El Greco, through August. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: Works by Suzanne Funnel, to July 5. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: Inuit printmaking techniques open June 17. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 667-3441.

YYZ: *The Big Daddy Show:* Drawings, text and paintings by Ian McKinnon, to June 21. 116 Spadina Ave., 367-0601.

Kneebone captures beat of Jewish life

By FRANK RASKY

Andrew Miller, a 17-year-old graduate of the Leah Posluns School of Acting, is the bright star of Neil Simon's portrait of himself as a 1930s Brooklyn teenager in Brighton Beach Memoirs at the Variety Theatre.

TORONTO —

After all these years of watching him squeeze laughs out of musical comedies on the Toronto stage, it comes as a surprise to learn that Tom Kneebone is a cupboard Jew.

Well, in point of fact, the comedian can not be classified as racially Jewish. But when it comes to understanding the heartbeat of Jewish family life — and staging its joys and agonies with absolute fidelity — there's no doubt whatever that Kneebone's instincts are grade-A kosher.

Making his debut as a drama director, he manages to elicit tears as well as laughter from his revival of Neil Simon's prize-winning Broadway comedy hit, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, which opened recently for an open-ended run at the Variety Theatre, 2335 Yonge St. (489-7777).

To Kneebone's credit, this reviewer felt that his masterly direction of a Toronto cast made Simon's 1983 classic seem every bit as funny and affecting as the original version I saw on Broadway.

The play is Simon's most rounded and personalized family comedy since he wrote *Come Blow Your Horn* back in 1961.

It's an intimate portrait of himself as a bright, literate, sex-mad teenager going through his puberty growing pains with his low-income Jewish family in Brooklyn during the Depression year of 1937.

Kneebone has recaptured beautifully every nuance of that bittersweet period. His directorial touches are exactly right — whether it's the boy, Eugene, weeping in his bed out of frustration of not getting straight As in his school studies, or his mother plumping up the pillows to help quell her economic anxieties.

And he has assembled a wonderful cast.

Andrew Miller, a 17-year-old graduate of the Leah Posluns School of Acting, is a standout as the adolescent Eugene — a likeably gawky redhead in period plus fours, snapon bowtie and adenoidal voice reminiscent of the 1930s radio comedy character, Henry Aldrich.

I also admired the considerable talents of Michael Beattie, recently seen in the Leah Posluns' production of *Kuni Leml*, who appears here as Eugene's older brother; Maya Toman and Sharon Leigh Keates, both graduates of the Limelight Dinner Theatre's production of *Fiddler On The Roof*, and both poignantly moving here as two growing sisters battling over grudges they've bottled up since they were girls; and Francois Klanfer, who originated many fine roles for the Toronto Workshop Productions, and portrays here a lovable, if somewhat sentimentalized, Jewish poppa.

I laughed and cried with them, and so will you in this treasure house of Jewish family memories that deserve to be cherished.

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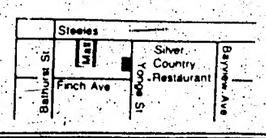


Arts

Uses simple formula

Evening raises funds for the Toronto Symphony

TORONTO —

Thomas Beck is an old hand at fund-raising in the Jewish community: Weizmann Institute, United Jewish Appeal, etc. So it's no surprise to see him in action in the general community — this time on behalf of the Toronto Symphony.

As president of the TSO, Beck recently headed up the special benefit concert at Thomson Hall to raise funds for the orchestra. It was the 4th annual such event, known as the Presidents' Evening, and although no results have been announced as yet, the target was $225,000. With tickets selling at $150 per person (mainly to the corporate elite) and a very good house in attendance, there's not much doubt the target was pretty well achieved.

Since its inception in 1983, Presidents' Evening has grown into one of the orchestra's most successful fund raising projects. The formula is simple: provide a top rate concert, followed by a sumptuous buffet reception; and sell blocks of tickets to the presidents of corporations (hence the title, Presidents' Evening); line up a sponsor — this year Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. It works . . . and works well!

But of course Tom Beck and his committee has a great product to sell: not only a performance by the TSO but by guest artist Diahann Carroll, as well. Yes the same Diahann Carroll who stars in TV's Dynasty. Some of you may have forgotten or not known that the gorgeous lady is also a singing star of stage and screen. Her career spans Broadway, movies, television, night-club engagements in Las Vegas, and concert appearances with symphony orchestras.

Right from the moment she came on stage she had the enthusiastic audience in the palm of her hands for her hour-long set. It was a typical sophisticated night club act — a little talk but mainly songs — the songs she is best known for: Somewhere for Me, I'm Gonna Love You Like Nobody Loves You, I Get the Blues, and others. There was a rain medley, a Sinatra rhythm favorite (I Think I'm Gonna Make It All The Way), a Kurt Weill medley, a Beatles medley, a New York medley, an Ethel Waters medley. And the Sophie Tucker favorite, Some of These Days.

Great stuff . . . well deserving of the tremendous applause. And a special bow to Diahann's pianist/conductor Dan Micheli and her drummer Joe Cocuzzo. They added considerably to the performance.

Let's not forget the TSO, which opened the evening with a short concert under the baton of guest conductor Errol Gay, including Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, Franz Lehar's Gold and Silver Waltz and William Walton's Coronation March. Gay, a native of British Columbia, is the associate principal librarian of the TSO and has also conducted the orchestra at the Roy Thomson Hall and Ontario Place as well as handle guest conducting assignments in Ottawa, Hamilton, Edmonton and Windsor.

The buffet following the concert, catered by Movenpick, was quite terrific. Lots of food and drinks served from many serving areas so there were no long lineups.

All in all, a grand evening for a good cause and at $150 per person, really quite a bargain, when you consider the cost these days of, for example, the dinner and floor show at the Royal York Hotel. — **M.L.**

Impresario "walking on air"

Avron troupe a big hit at Expo

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Impresario Chaim Avron, writer, director, producer and founder of the Toronto Jewish Theatre, was humming a happy tune last week and feeling as buoyant as a billionaire.

"I'm walking on air," the Romanian-born former Israeli, who has spent a half century as theatre *mensh*, told The CJN cheerily.

He and his Toronto troupe returned home, bearing glowing reviews of their production of *Dos Pintele Mazel*, Avron's Yiddish musical comedy billed as *Mr. Millionaire*, which played for 12 performances before more than 10,000 people at the Canada Pavilion's Amphitheatre at Vancouver's Expo 86.

"The Vancouver Sun rated us 'today's Expo best.' " he said. "And we scored a record as the only Jewish production to be staged at the big fair."

Not one to rest on his laurels, the affable impressario is preparing a musical spectacular, *Jewish Theatre Festival 86*, which he is presenting at 8.30 p.m. July 6 at the 1,116-seat Minkler Auditorium in Seneca College.

The extravaganza will headline four singing-acting stars from the New York Jewish theatre, with top billing going to that *grande dame* of Yiddish musicals, Miriam Kressyn, along with Seymour Rexite, Mina Bern and Bernard Sauer.

Tara Charendoff, a 12-year-old performer, will be one of the six Toronto entertainers featured in the show. The others are Allen Farkas, Taufit Fixman, Michael Lebovic, Lilian Keltz and Gloria Valentine.

Sasha Starr's 4-piece orchestra will provide the music, and Rivka Atzmoni will choreograph the dances by the eight members of the Toronto Jewish Theatre Dance Company.

Tickets range in price from $10 to $18. For information, phone (416) 630-8281.

Tara Charendoff

Family Series planned for JCC

VANCOUVER —

The Family Series, a showing by Victoria artist Phyllis Serota, will open at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre's Shalom Gallery with a reception from 7.30-9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24.

Serota will give a talk on her work at 8.15 p.m. The show will continue until Thursday, July 3.

For more information, contact the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre at 266-9111.

Concerts on Island

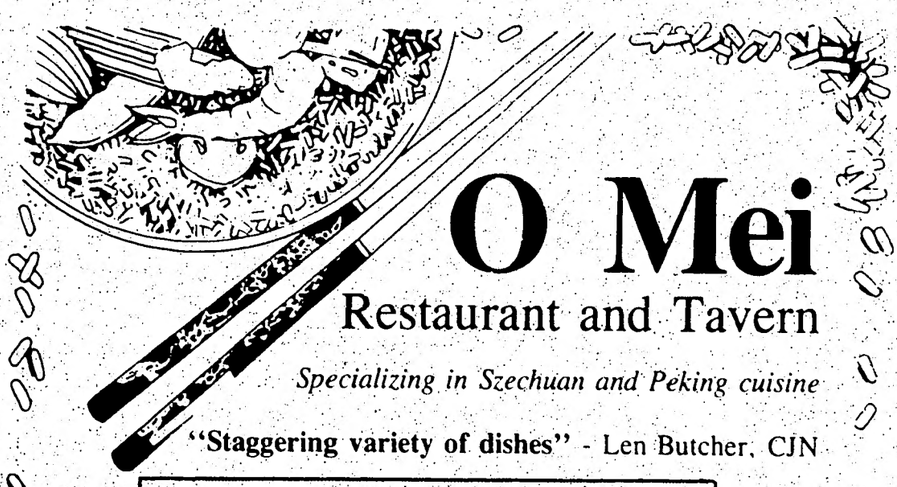
TORONTO —

Lovers of lute and flute music may be able to spend a pleasant Sunday afternoon this summer on Centre Island listenings to harmonies provided by their favorite instruments.

On July 6 at 3 p.m., they can listen to a concert by lute player Richard Kolb and viola players Ulrich Rappen and Peggie Sampson in Centre Island's St. Andrews By-the-Lake Church.

On July 20, at the same time and in the same venue, they can listen to a concert by flute player Courtney Westcott, with Ulrich Rappen on the viola and Richard Kolb playing the baroque theorbo.

For both concerts, tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for students and seniors.



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Travel

Vancouver's exhilarating Expo 86 is loaded with fun

This is the first of two articles on the best attractions of Expo 86 by CJN staff writer FRANK RASKY. In next week's article Rasky will select the 10 best pavilions.

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VANCOUVER —

The best advice I can offer to easterners who intend to visit Vancouver's $1.5 billion world fair is that you lug along the following three things:

1. Lots of money.
2. An umbrella.
3. Comfortable walking shoes.

You'll need plenty of cash because the price of just about everything here — especially refreshments and souvenirs on the fair grounds — has been jacked up outrageously.

A bottle of beer can cost you as much as $3.70.

A plastic carry bag bearing the official Expo logo will set you back $1.61.

And I swear I was accosted by a souvenir vendor hawking little tufts of "gen-oo-ine timber wolf fur for *only* 75 cents!"

An umbrella is virtually obligatory in this waterlogged Lotus Land by the Sea. Like many of the inhabitants of this coastal sprawl of rain forests and picture-postcard mountains, the weather tends to be eccentric.

During the first 10 days of my 2½-week visit here, it rained ceaselessly. The rest of the time the sunny skies were idyllic.

Your best bet is to prepare yourself in accordance with the local folk saying: "If you can't see the mountains, it's already raining. If you can see them, it's *about* to rain."

The comfy walking shoes are also a necessity because you'll be spending an awful lot of time on your feet. The fair grounds extend for 170 acres along the waterfront. And it's not uncommon for the queues to wait as long as two hours, for example, before gaining entry into the popular Canada Pavilion.

Is the fair, which runs until Oct. 13, worth all this discomfort?

World's tallest hockey stick, 187 feet tall, with hefty puck to match at portal of Canada Pavilion, greets visitors at Expo 86 fun fair in Vancouver.

It certainly is. Because its theme is limited to transportation and communication, it lacks the universal scope of Expo 67, the "Man and His World" fair that enchanted millions at Montreal on Canada's centennial year.

Nevertheless, the Vancouver extravaganza is an exhilarating world-class fair that's full of fun. And here's one man's opinionated guide designed to make your stay more enjoyable.

Best way to fly there: Wardair. My return flight from Toronto cost me $402.21, and in all my years of world travel as a journalist, I have never found the food and service so impeccable. Just one small example of their courtesy: at the end of each flight, they tell you the exact number of the airport carriole where you pick up your baggage.

Best place to stay: To avoid the minimum rate of $100 a night charged by Vancouver hotels, I suggest you try **Vancouver Bed & Breakfast Ltd.,** 1685 Ingleton Ave., V5C 4L8 (phone 604-291-6147). Manager Jenny Barrio says that several of their 80 selected homes are owned by Jewish families. Rates are $40 a night for a single person and $50 to $60 for a couple. I had my own TV set and bathroom and magnificent outdoor view in the comfortable bedroom where I stayed, and the sumptuous breakfasts included lots of fresh fruit.

Best Jewish information centre: If you're looking for a synagogue where you can pray or the sound of a *haymishe* Jewish voice, drop around to the **Jewish Community Centre,** 950 W. 41 Ave., Vancouver V5Z 2N7, (604-266-9111).

Best kosher food in town: The homebaked rye bread tasted like slices of local Douglas pine to me, but the corned beef was delicious at **Leon's Kosher Deli & Restaurant,** 3710 Oak St. (604) 736-5888.

Most charming dining experience: It's worth taking a ferry from Vancouver to British Columbia's staid capital city of Victoria just to have a veddy, veddy English afternoon high tea in the lounge of that delightful bastion of the British Empire, the venerable **Empress Hotel.** For $8.50, you get served English honey crumpets, fruit salad, homemade scones with genuine thick Jersey cream and scrumptuous strawberry jam, assorted finger sandwiches and teae cakes, and, of course, superb Empress blend tea.

Make your reservations well in advance, and do dress up in your most formal togs. It was the high culinary point of my trip.

Best fish restaurant in town: Like Halifax on the other coast of Canada, Vancouver is renowned for its fresh sea food. For my money, it's a tossup between two first-class eateries. For Lucullan trout, go to **The Cannery,** 2205 Commissioner St. (604-254-9606). For yummy grilled snapper, as well as a splendid view of the 10 p.m. fireworks display at Expo across the nearby Burrard Inlet, try **Jonathan's Seafood House,** 1333 Johnston on Granville Island (604-688-8081).

Best Theatre Entertainment in town: The long-run **Sex Tips For Modern Girls,** a musical revue by local collaborators which has been a howling success for two years at the 200-seat **Arts Club Theatre,** 1181 Seymour St. (604-687-5315).

Best aquatic entertainment in town: The $5.25 admission fee is away out of line, but the entertainment value is truly sensational at the **Vancouver Public Aquarium** in Stanley Park (604-682-1118). You'll ooh and aah at the exotic species of marine life on display, and the outdoor stunt shows staged by the beluga and killer whales are wonderful fun.

Best museum in town: Even if you're not normally into totem poles, you'll find yourself gaping at the marvelous Indian cedar sculptures soaring majestically alongside the 45-foot windows designed by architect Arthur Erickson in the **University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology** at 6393 N.W. Marine Dr. (604-228-3825). Admission is $2.50.

Best free entertainment on Expo site: It's the stunt riding staged twice daily in the Kodak Pacific Bowl stadium by the 16-member — **Kaifeng Motorcycle Team** from China. Using centrifugal force — and their uncanny talent — these daredevils ride upside down, looping the loop, hands upstretched, while circling inside a globe-shaped wire cage.

Their thrill show is even more stirring than the daily **RCMP Musical Ride** performed in the same stadium, which is my choice as a close runner-up.

Most spectacular Expo sculpture: It's the world's biggest hockey stick, standing 187 feet high with a 9-feet-by-3-feet thick puck to match, at the portal of the **Canada Pavilion.** It symbolizes exquisitely the spirit of Canada, and in next week's article I'll detail the treasures to be found inside the best pavilions at this summer's wondrous fair.

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Business Outlook

"We get along famously"

Jew, Moslem make success of carpet-cleaning firm

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Phil Drash and Durdana Syed come from different worlds, but that hasn't prevented them from getting along in the world of business.

Drash, a nice Jewish boy from Toronto, and Syed, a Moslem housewife from India, are partners in a business venture that will celebrate its third anniversary this summer.

Together, they are owners, managers, investors, staff and employees of T.L.C. Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners, a small-scale enterprise that does just what its name implies — clean carpets and upholstery.

Because of its relatively small size, TLC offers personalized service and quality work, says Drash, 23. And he should know. Generally, he's the one who'll come into your home (or car) and do the cleaning.

It all started about four years ago, when Drash worked for a carpet-cleaning outfit. Late in that summer, Drash decided he could improve on the service.

He approached the (Ontario) Student Venture Capital Program (run by the Ministry of Skills Development) for a loan, and managed to convince the administrators his was not a lightweight proposition.

Even at that age, barely into his 20s, "I showed them I was not being frivolous," he recalls. He presented them with a practical appraisal of his chances for success, based on the expected market, his projected costs, his experience and his professional approach.

He left the SVCP, which provides loans to students for summer businesses, with a $2,000 interest-free loan (the maximum they grant) and the expectation of an interesting summer work experience.

So where does Syed come in?

That's an "interesting twist," says Drash. While attending a business math class at York University, he struck up a friendship with someone originally from India. That soon developed into a friendship with the entire family and at a family gathering, Drash met his friend's sister-in-law, who, as it turned out, was interested in getting into a business.

That sister-in-law turned out to be Syed.

Syed contributed capital to the enterprise and some expertise, and "we decided to enter into a partnership together."

At the beginning it was "touch and go" but with careful management of cash flow and expenses, the initial month's "hand to mouth" existence developed into something more secure.

Drash's marketing ideas — flyers were distributed, and he even went door-to-door, neatly attired in a suit, to promote the venture — got them some business. So too did the offer of cleaning a living room, dining room and hall carpets for $39.99.

Since that initial summer, TLC has managed to accumulate a customer base of well over 200 clients, says Drash, and the business expects to gross over $20,000 this year. And that for a seasonal business that operates from May to late August.

Meanwhile, Drash continues to study towards a MBA degree at York. He recently completed the first year of the 2-year program.

Looking back on the venture, Drash says he's gained an invaluable lesson in business: "You can't take a course that has taught me what I've been able to learn in the past three years."

From his partner, he's learned a lesson about people. "We get along famously," he says. "It proves you can't say all Moslems are this, or all Jews are that. It was a good learning experience for both of us."

Anyone interested in more information about T.L.C. can call 630-2773.

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By
VIVIEN SHARON

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Gayle Arthur

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Business Outlook

"Dream of remarkable young man," says Peterson

Schwartz's computer tech centre to open in 87

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

High-tech whiz Abe Schwartz has moved a step closer to fulfiling his dream of opening the world's largest and most unusual information technology exhibition and enterprise centre.

A $57.5 million plan for the Exploracom Computer Exploration and Enterprise Centre on Toronto's developing waterfront was announced recently.

The non-profit centre — to showcase state-of-the-art computers and high technology innovations — will open in the fall of next year at Harbourfront at the foot of Spadina Ave.

Visitors will be able to try out computers, view the latest in new concepts and prototypes, and screen movies at a special Interactive Theatre where audiences can program upcoming scenes.

The centre will also help Canadian information technology entrepreneurs commercialize their innovations by providing technical, business start-up and marketing assistance.

"The Enterprise Centre will serve as a focal point for the continued development of the information technology industry and help keep this province a major participant in the global technology market," Schwartz, Exploracom's founder and president, told a news conference.

Funding for the centre — to be open year-round to the public and expected to attract 1 million visitors annually — will come from three sources.

The Ontario government has earmarked $17.5 million for the centre — the first allocation from a $1 billion high-technology fund announced in the government's recent throne speech.

Another $35 million in exhibits is to be donated by the private sector. In addition, more than $5 million in floor space has been donated to house Exploracom in a facility designed by architect Arthur Erikson.

Schwartz is a 28-year-old multi-millionaire who founded Polaris Technology Corp. in 1977 and later sold it for $10 million to Crowntek Inc., a subsidiary of Crownx Inc. He will run the centre when it's complete.

The young entrepreneur has been striving to establish the centre for three years, leaving Crowntek last year to work full time on a voluntary basis for the project.

Abe Schwartz, president and founder of Exploracom, is seen with a model of the Exploracom building.

At the news conference, Ontario Premier David Peterson called the centre "the dream of a remarkable young man.

"Schwartz is someone I've known for a long time and someone who never ceases to amaze me with his vision and his capacity to make things happen," Peterson said.

"We are thrilled as a government to participate in this remarkable dream of this non-profit operation."

Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton said the centre will be "another tremendous achievement" for Toronto's waterfront and will have a major impact on Toronto as a high technology centre.

"And it's not only vital as a new attraction for people in Toronto and tourists alike, but it's also going to be a very special step forward in fostering new small business ventures in the information technology field."

In an interview later, Schwartz — the Israeli-born son of a shoemaker — told The CJN he is "thrilled" Exploracom is going to become a reality.

When the centre opens it will operate on an annual budget of $5 million and employ 90 people full- and part-time.

It will feature "themed showcases" where people can play with computers in simulated settings to direct a jumbo jet from an air traffic control tower, dispatch a police car from an emergency centre and trade securities on world-wide stock exchanges.

There will also be two theatres — one with a giant curved screen for multi-media shows, and the other where audiences can "vote" for upcoming scenes by operating computerized controls on their armchairs.

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In addition to indicating the location of already-developed caries, initial results suggest that the test may also predict sites of future caries. Current methods of testing for caries focus on looking for bacteria in samples of saliva. These can tell you whether you have a cavity, but not where.

Developed by Dr. Mel Rosenberg, who heads the Laboratory of Oral Microbiology, and Drs. Ilana Eli and Ervin Weiss of the Operative Dentistry Section in the School of Dental Medicine, the procedure has been tested on volunteers.

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Golts, David on May 29, 1986, late of 4455 Bathurst St. #904.

Gorenkoff, Gordon on May 29, 1986, late of 39 Cavotti Cres.

Benchluch, Joseph on May 29, 1986, late of 4383 Bathurst St. #1212.

Greenbloom, David on May 29, 1986 late of 680 Roselawn Ave. #204.

Pekilis, Morris on May 29, 1986, late of 11 Lebos Rd.

Usher, Rose on May 31, 1986, late of 331 Betty Ann Dr.

Epstein, Morris on May 31, 1986, late of 6000 Bathurst St., #907.

Frankel, Magda on June 1, 1986, late of 2400 Bathurst St., #405.

Newman, Celia on June 2, 1986, late of 650 Briar Hill Rd., #111.

Biller, Hyman on June 1, 1986, late of 199 Royal York Rd.

Nisker, Abraham on June 2, 1986, late of 3905 Bathurst St. #101.

Rotenberg, Samuel on June 1, 1986, late of 111 Ridelle Ave. #403.

Grossman, Florence on June 1, 1986, late of 155 Neptune Dr., #216.

Zeisler, Eliezer on June 4, 1986, late of 650 Briar Hill #305.

Gombas, Nicholas on June 4, 1986, late of 46 Old Forest Hill Rd.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Braude, Fanny on June 2, 1986, late of 2500 Bathurst St., #703.

Friedlander, Louis on June 4, 1986, late of 73 Blue Forest Dr.

Gold, Harry on June 6, 1986, late of 3174 Bathurst St., #314.

Gurevitch, David on June 2, 1986, late of 133 Torresdale Ave., #901.

Katz, Rose on June 6, 1986, late of 60 Roberta Dr.

Kohn, Esther on June 6, 1986, late of 102 Caribou Rd.

Szereszewski, Jacob on June 2, 1986, late of 130 Neptune Dr., #610.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Morris Coleman** will take place on Sunday June 22, 11:00 a.m. at Mount Sinai cemetery, Sunnyside section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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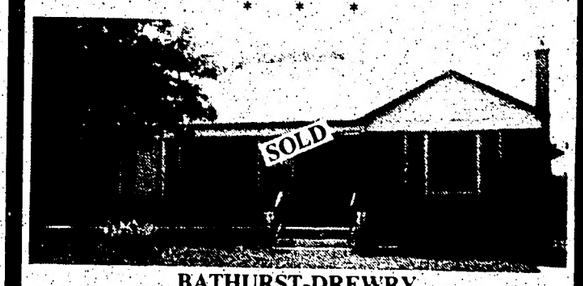

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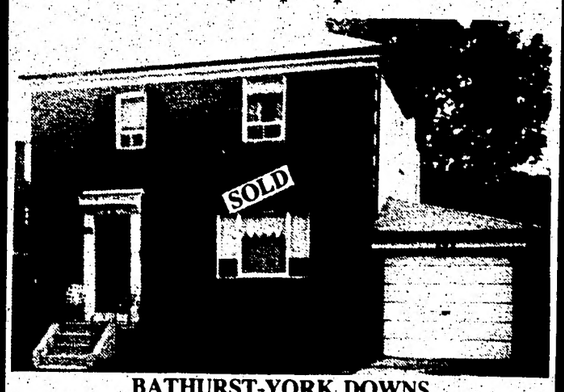

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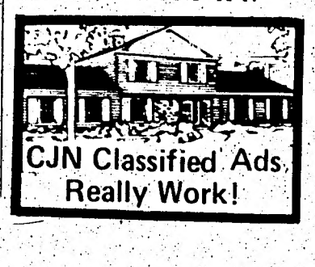

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Peace group, parties seek Brodsky release

OTTAWA — A leading Canadian peace movement and the three federal political parties have publicly stated their support for the release of imprisoned Vladimir Brodsky, an activist in an unofficial Soviet peace organization, as well as for the right of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Project Ploughshares held a press conference here recently to announce its solidarity with for Brodsky, co-founder of the Moscow Trust Group and a Refusenik.

Messages of support were also delivered by members of Parliament, Progressive Conservative Dr. Gary Gurbin, Liberal Lloyd Axworthy and New Democrat Howard McCurdy, as well as McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who acts as Brodsky's legal counsel.

Cotler said Brodsky, physician, was convicted of "malicious hooliganism" on April 15, 1985, and sentenced to three years in prison. He said Brodsky has been subjected to beatings in prison and recently completed 15 days in solitary confinement.

Cotler maintains that Brodsky's activities in the promotion of peace were in accordance with Soviet law as well as its international commitments, such as that to the Helsinki Final Act.

"One of the most fundamental of all rights by the Soviet Union's own acknowledgement is 'the right to live in peace' and, as the Soviet Union has put it, 'the right to work for peace'. . . . One would have thought, therefore, that Vladimir Brodsky and those who co-founded the Moscow Trust Group would have been encouraged, if not congratulated, in their efforts."

He said Canada "must make it clear to the Soviet Union that the imprisonment of the 'Brodskys' in the Soviet Union raises questions about the Soviet Union's commitment to peace."

Foundation deals with illiteracy problem

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Most of us scan the morning paper, follow directions on a new appliance and read a bestseller without much effort.

To the 20% of Canadians who are functionally illiterate, however, these are impossible tasks.

"Over 4 million Canadians are isolated and barred from the freedoms we all take for granted. They have trouble filling out forms, looking up a number in the phone book or reading subway maps," says Gladys Neale, chairman of the Book and Periodical Development Council and vice-chairman of the newly formed Canadian Give the Gift of Literary Foundation.

Neale was speaking recently at a reception launching the new foundation that was founded in response to the widespread problem of illiteracy in the country.

She explained that in Canada an adult is considered functionally illiterate if fewer than nine years of schooling have been completed. "Illiteracy is falsely considered to be a problem concerning recent immigrants and residents of rural areas. In reality 70% of illiterate Canadians live in cities and 70% were born in Canada," said Neale.

She added that 40% of Canada's illiterate are under 45 years of age.

"It's staggering to think that of the 4 million functionally illiterate Canadians, 1 million cannot read or write one word," said Neale.

The Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation, a non-profit organization, will strive to increase public awareness of the problem and to raise money for literacy groups working to teach illiterate adults to read ane write.

Public contributions will be encouraged through 1,000 special book-shaped coin boxes that will be placed in bookstores across Canada in August. As well, the campaign will solicit donations from publishing and other industries.

William Adell, president of Coles Book Stores Ltd., whose company donated $20,000 to cover the initial costs of the campaign, said, "We've been trying to find a program that acknowledges the critical literacy problem in Canada. This campaign offers a vehicle which is in keeping with what we wanted to do.

"Coles has provided the start-up capital, however others in the industry must make their own contributions as their resources allow," Ardell said.

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Kehillat Shaarei Torah to erect new building

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Construction will begin soon for the new premises of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, a 4-year-old Orthodox congregation in the Bayview-401 area whose steady growth has been nurtured by friends near and far.

The old building, a house, was torn down recently. The new will rise on its site, 2640 Bayview Ave., at the corner of Fifeshire. In the meantime, the 85-family congregation is using facilities of the education wing of nearby Temple Emanu-El.

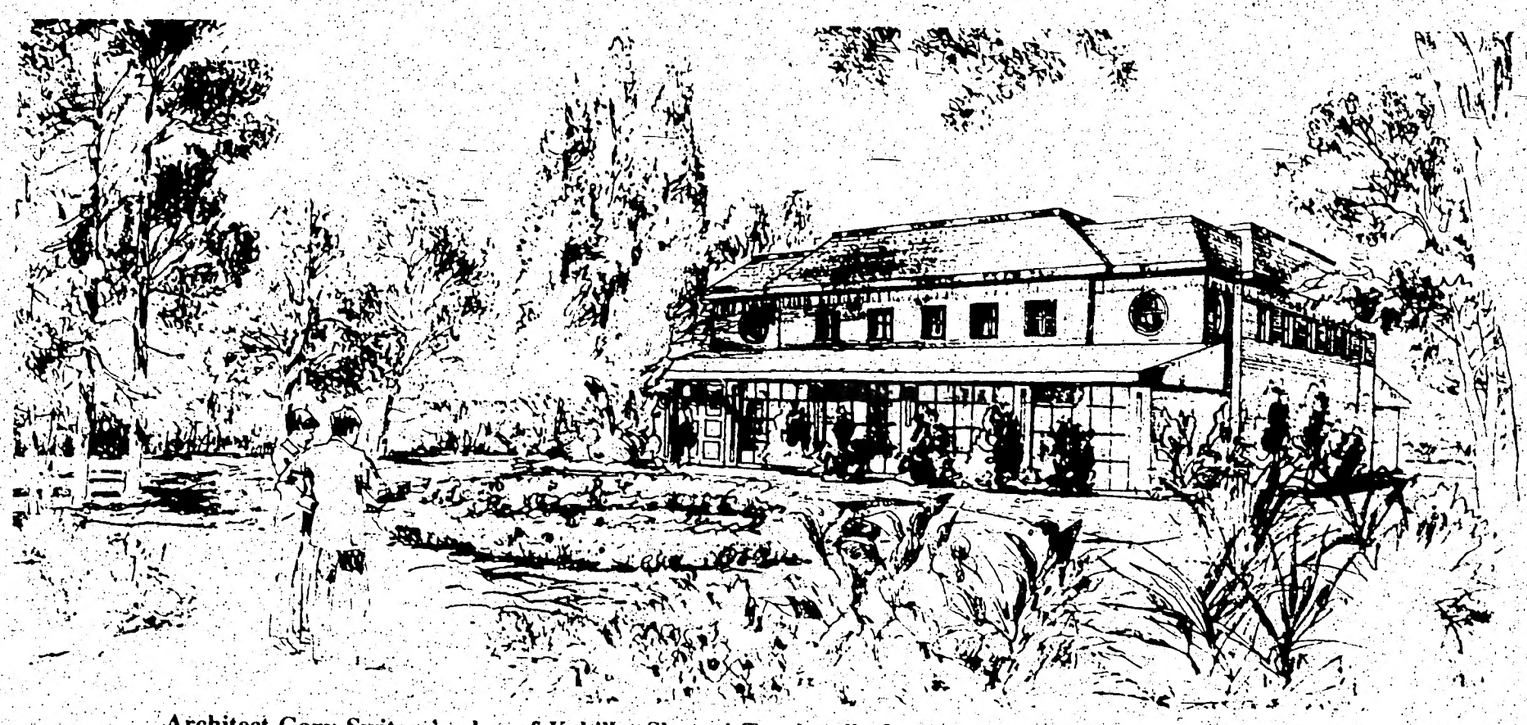
Rabbi Eliot Feldman credits his alma mater Yeshiva University, Toronto community leaders, and the temple itself for facilitating his congregation's growth.

Yeshiva University sent students from its theological seminary to Toronto in 1979 to conduct Orthodox High Holyday services in the area, in response to local requests. After two years, the community asked for a permanent rabbi. Feldman, serving in Syracuse at the time, accepted YU administrator Robert Hirt's offer of the post.

"For the next two years, we held services wherever we could — in members' homes, in the basement of the temple, and in a junior high school gym," said Feldman. The search for a permanent home was aided by Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, and Kurt Rothschild, a community philanthropist to be honored June 17 by the Canadian Friends of YU in Toronto. In May 1983, the congregation purchased a house as its permanent location for services and adult education.

The temple has provided more than a temporary shelter, Feldman told The Canadian Jewish News. "We had trouble getting permission to build," he said. "Some people in the area — many of them Jewish — objected to having a full-fledged synagogue here. Members of the temple provided us with their advice and influence in obtaining permission to build."

Feldman told The CJN that his congregation combines "Torah and science, . . . modern Orthodoxy in the full sense."



Architect Gary Switzer's plan of Kehillat Shaarei Torah calls for a modest neighborhood-style building.

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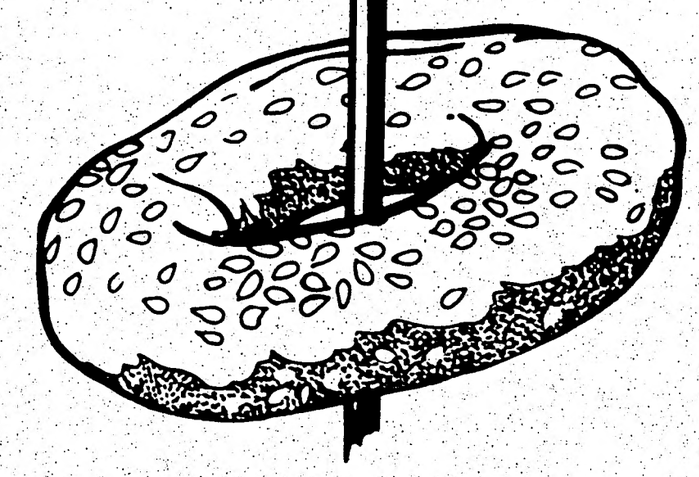

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